

President Mitterrand answering questions from French citizens at a televised forum Thursday night in Paris on the Maastricht treaty.

# Mitterrand Joins Fray in Plea for Treaty

The dead are kept in a

wrapped in food sacks before they are taken to

a back lot for burial. The food sacks are used

because "we have nothing else," said Colonel

Mohammed Gelle, a Somali military official

While the dead await burial, those still wait-

ing to die line up in disorderly rows, hoping to be lucky enough to get a few meager spoonfuls

of mixed bean and cereal soup. Outside the

gate, hundreds of Somalia's starving masses clamor for a chance to get inside and are beaten

who provides security at the feeding center.

By Stephens Broening

PARIS — President François Mitterrand emerged from the sidelines Thursday night to appeal for approval of the Maastricht treaty in a national referendum later this month, saying it was a way to erect a new Europe and promote conciliation within a divided

In an unusual televised forum in the grand amphi-theater of the Sorbonne, Mr. Mitterrand defended what he called a grand project for the European democracies. Speaking forcefully at times, he attempted to dispel concerns that French sovereignty and prosperity would be put at risk by the terms of the treaty, which few in France have read.

To stress the idea that the stakes were larger than France, Mr. Mitterrand enlisted Chancellor Helmut

By Keith B. Richburg

Washington Post Service BARDERA. Somalia - In this desolate and

starvation-wracked town, in a region of the

country devastated by war, drought and fam-

ine, relief workers are using empty food sacks as

fed militiamen keep watch at the feeding sta-

tions, beating back crowds of hungry people.

At a feeding center one recent morning, hunger and disease claimed nine more victims—

six adults and three children — before the

midday meal was served. The toll was not unusual, hospital officials and relief workers

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TWA Wins Bombing Suit Appeal

NEW YORK (Reuters) — A U.S. appeals court on Thursday reversed a verdict that found Trans World Airlines negligent in allowing an alleged known terrorist to board an airliner on which a

The Boeing 727 exploded on April 2, 1986, as it approached Athens

Meanwhile, the local warlord and his well-

shrouds for the dead.

Kohl to plead for a "yes" vote by way of a televised linkup from Germany.

Mr. Kohl's appearance was intended to reassure the French. In the end he scolded them for their fears, as the moderator, Guillaume Durand, described them, of Maastricht creating a "German Europe."

The chancellor called the idea of German dominance "absurd." "You will remain French, we will remain German. We each will keep our culture, our habits, etcetera. I don't understand these fears. France has a proud history. Why this inferiority complex"? Mr. Mitterrand, in response to a reporter's question, rejected the notion that the vote, on Sept. 20, was

connected with his own political ambitions. "This is a great national choice, not a dispute among groups of politicians," he said. He acknowledged that Europe would continue to be

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In Somalia, Warlord's Gunmen Decide Who Eats

# From National Security, An Advantage for Bush **Decisions and Reversals on Defense** Seem Tied to Key States in Campaign

By John Lancaster

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — After repeatedly saying that politics should not affect the nation's approach to reshaping the post-Cold War military, the administration has made a series of decisions and policy reversals that carry obvious benefits for the president's re-elec-

ion campaign.

In announcing this week that the government would rebuild Homestead Air Force Base, which was ravaged by a hurricane, President George Bush cited the economic benefits of the facility, committing hundreds of millions of dollars to a base that barely appeared clasure by an independent commission. escaped closure by an independent commis

sion last year. Similarly, the administration has dropped Similarly, the administration has dropped its longstanding opposition to two congressional spending priorities — developing the V-22 Osprey aircraft and modernizing the army's M-1 tank — and is moving forward with controversial sales of combat jets to Saudi Arabia and Taiwan. All the decisions will help preserve jobs in Texas, Michigan, Florida and Ohio, states crucial to Mr. Bush's resolution.

The president announced the \$4 billion sale of 150 F-16 fighter planes to Taiwan on Wednesday at the General Dynamics plant in Fort Worth where the plane is manufactured. At other stops during a day of campaigning in Texas and South Dakota, the president had good news for farmers in the form of increased subsidies for wheat exports and the release of \$755 million in disaster funds.

Administration officials deny that politics influenced their actions and say that all are justified on national security grounds. Never-theless, the timing of the decisions — Vice President Dan Quayle revealed the new posi-tion on the M-1 last week in Michigan — has made it harder for the administration to claim the moral high ground over how to trim

"He's making these decisions ad hoc in the last three or four months of a presidential campaign, and every one of them is highly suspect." Representative Les Aspin, the Wisconsin Democrat who is chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services, said

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, in particular, has repeatedly warned that basing defense decisions on narrow political interests could undermine national security. By channeling money into unnecessary weapons sys-tems or national gnard and reserve units in

hungry — mostly women, the elderly and chil-dren — line up to be fed from huge metal pots.

To "control" the starving and force them to wait their turn, General Parrah Aidid's young

thugs, with automatic weapons slung over their shoulders, whack the people with their make-

When the call came for the second feeding,

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one hungry young boy stood before his turn. A teenager wielding a stick struck him on the head

shift tree-branch canes.

home districts, the argument goes, Congress is spending money that could be used to

support troops, training and other accounts that contribute to fighting effectiveness.

"There's only one reason to have a Department of Defense," Mr. Cheney said characteristically last March. "We're not a socialwelfare agency. We are there for one reason and one reason only, that's to be prepared to fight and win when called upon to do so."

But Mr. Chency sounded a different theme in defending the president's Homestead an-nouncement. "If you want to make the deci-

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sion, well, we're not going to rebuild South Florida, those people can move elsewhere, clearly that's the kind of cold, heartless deci-

One of the most striking examples of a sudden policy reversal involved the M-I and its newer version, the M-IA1. "We have 8,000 M-I tanks in our inventory," Deputy Defense Secretary Donald J. Atwood said in January, explaining the opposition to buying more tanks. There is no need for more tanks for the foreseeable future. It has proven itself to be the finest tank in the world. Therefore, there's no great urgency to incorporate a new technology into those tanks."

The administration asked Congress to return to the Treasury Department \$225 million it had appropriated to begin refitting the

tanks with updated equipment.

National security aside, the tank program employs 6,800 workers of the General Dynamics Land Systems Division, which manufactures the M-1 in Lima, Ohio, and in Warren, Michigan. Also affected are "tens of thousands" of jobs at subcontracting firms in 47 states, said a spokesman for General Dy-

Congress had already refused to agree to the president's request to drop the tank mod-emization program, so the administration did not have much choice but to go along with it. Even so, that did not stop Mr. Quayle from claiming credit on a tour of a Michigan plant with Governor John Engler, a Republican.

"This should be welcome news to the War-ren tank facility," the vice president said in amouncing the plan. "This certainly should help them along." Mr. Quayle's comments were reported in the Detroit Free Press.

Nonmilitary considerations also appear to

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# 35.7 Million

# said, because death seems to strike most often in the morning hours. back by swaggering young militiamen wielding in the morning hours. men and that of the rest of the population, which is starving to death. Most Since '64

By Spencer Rich

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Poverty in the United States rose sharply in 1991 for the second straight year, and median household income fell as the nation struggled with recession and high unemployment, the U.S. Census Bureau

reported Thursday.

The bureau found that the number of poor people increased last year by about 2 million, to 35.7 million — the highest number since 1964,

when 36.1 million were in poverty. The findings were bad news for President George Bush, who trails his Democratic challenger, Bill Clinton, in presidential opinion polls. But they were not unexpected in view of the sharp rise in national unemployment rates in 1991 and what the Census Bureau called

sluggish economic conditions. A person is considered poor if income falls below the government's official poverty line. In 1991 the poverty line for a single person was \$6,932, and for a family of four, \$13,924. The bureau said that the proportion of Americans in poverty increased from 13.5 percent to

14.2 percent — the highest figure since 1984 and a rate exceeding that of any year of the While Democrats immediately seized on the report to attack Mr. Bush, the White House had only brief comment on the report.

Marlon Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, said: "Certainly I think we have to

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# China Warns Taiwan Deal **Could Sour Arms Talks**

### U.S. Sale of F-16 Jets Results in a Stinging Protest From Beijing

By Lena H. Sun

Washington Post Service
BELIING — China, in a step that marked a sharp downturn in relations with the United States, warmed Thursday that Beijing might withdraw from arms-control talks and withhold its cooperation at the United Nations unless Washington revoked its decision to sell F-16

fighter jets to Taiwan.

Vice Foreign Minister Liu Huaqiu summoned the U.S. ambassador, J. Stapleton Roy. to the Foreign Ministry to lodge "the strongest protest" over President George Bush's an-nouncement Wednesday that the United States would sell 150 of the jets to Taiwan, the Xinhua

press agency reported.

"The Chinese side is shocked and outraged by this decision." Mr. Liu was quoted as telling the U.S. envoy. "This will lead to a major retrogression in Chinese-U.S. relations and will inevitably cause a negative impact on Chinese-U.S. cooperation in the United Nations and other international organizations."

The U.S. decision - motivated predominantly by election-year politics to save defenserelated jobs — overturned a decade of U.S. policy toward China. Arms sales to Taiwan have been one of the most contentious issues between Washington and Beijing, which has never ruled out the use of force to conquer

The Nationalist government on Taiwan has been trying to buy F-16s from the United States for at least 10 years to upgrade its antiquated air force. In Taiwan, Defense Minister Chen Lian hailed Mr. Bush's decision as a "major

breakthrough."

The decision is also likely to push China to seek even more advanced weapons systems from Russia, some analysts say. Beijing has already bought 24 advanced fighter jets from Russia and is moving to acquire more systems

to overhaul its outdated defense industries.
The U.S. Embassy in Beijing on Thursday refused to comment on reports that Washington was sending a senior State Department official, Assistant Secretary of State William

Clark Jr., to Beijing this weekend to explain the reversal of American policy.

[The White House dismissed objections from China on Thursday over the jet sale to Taiwan, The Association Press reported from Washing-

The White House spokesman, Marlin Fitz-water, said: "The president made his decision based upon the stability in the region and all the reasons he gave yesterday. We don't have any response to the Chinese reaction."]

concerned arms control. Unless Washington canceled the sale, Mr. Liu said, "China would find it difficult to stay in the meeting of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council on arms-controls issues.

The talks, begun after the Gulf War, involve the United States, China, Russia, France and Britain. The five countries are the biggest arms sellers to the Middle East. The U.S.-sponsored initiative is aimed at securing advance notifica-tion of weapons sales to the volatile region. The meetings have failed to produce any progress toward that goal, and China's role has not been "terribly cooperative," said one western diplo-

Despite the harsh statements from Beijing, it was unclear to what extent the F-16 sale will set back U.S.-China relations or provoke Beijing to be a troublemaker on international issues. Publicly, the Chinese need to rattle their swords.
"But they know they're stuck," said an ana-

lyst. One reason is that China still needs the United States more than Washington needs Beijing. The United States is China's largest export market, and the U.S. Congress is expected to vote on China's most-favored-nation trading status later this month.

Beijing is also aware that being a wild card at the United Nations runs counter to its desire to be seen as a responsible, important player in the international community. China helped harmer out a peace plan for Cambodia, cooperated in the coalition forged for the Gulf War and agreed to abide by international nonprolifera-

Moreover, Chinese officials believe a Bush See CHINA, Page 2

### explosive device that she planted under a seat cushion. She allegedly got off before the jet began the Rome-to-Athens leg of the trip. Setting aside a jury verdict, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals

bomb exploded, killing four people.

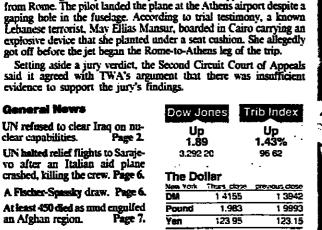
General News UN refused to clear Iraq on nuclear capabilities. Page 2. UN halted relief flights to Sarajevo after an Italian aid plane crashed, killing the crew. Page 6. A Fischer-Spassky draw. Page 6. At least 450 died as mud engulfed

an Afghan region. **Business/Finance** Britain surprised markets with a new tactic to defend the sagging

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making firm Ladbrokes showed confidence that

France would approve the Maastricht treaty in the refer-

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Ladbrokes said it was "in-

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ple interested in betting It said it was offering 11-to-8

against a "no" vote.

Bardera is the temporary headquarters of the

country's most powerful warlord, General Mo-

hammed Farrah Aidid. His United Somalia

Congress merged last month with three other

groups to form the new Somali National Alli-

ance. Its militiamen keep a tight lid on what is

left of a town largely reduced to rubble by near-

Perhaps nowhere in Somalia is the gap more evident between the powerful and the power-

less, between those with guns and those without

even a grain of rice. Bardera is a town of two

worlds, that of General Farrah Aidid's militia-

continuous warfare.

Thursday for ratification.

BANKRUPT - Kevin Maxwell, a son of the late publishing magnate Robert Maxwell, after being declared bankrupt Thursday in London. The High Court ruling was part of an attempt to recover hundreds of millions of pounds he allegedly helped his father to steal from the Maxwell media empire's pension funds. Page 2.

# For De Beers Cartel, Is It Good-Bye Cutting Edge?

By Bill Keller

JOHANNESBURG - Less than a month ago, De Beers Consolidated Mines, the secretive South African company that dominates the world diamond trade through a cartel that controls 80 percent of the world's uncut dia-monds, seemed to have coasted miraculously Chough a recession that had rattled other luxury industries.

But in the last few weeks the industry has admitted that it is suffering its worst swoon in a decade, provoking speculation, once unthinkable, that the cartel is losing its grip.

One source of the disarray is a flood of Angolan diamonds that have begun to pour onto the normally orderly world market.

Now that Angola's civil war has ended, some 50,000 prospectors are digging for gems, mainly along the diamond-rich Cuango River. As the African drought has dried up the rivers, alluvial diamond deposits in the riverbeds and riverbanks have become more accessible to the wildcat miners, who smuggle them out to buyers in

The Angolan government normally cooperates with the cartel, but the war has left large portions of the country virtually ungoverned. The illicit diamonds are hitting a market that, it turns out, is not as immune to the world recession as it seemed.

Consumers in the world's two largest diamond-buying countries, the United States and Japan, have been cutting back or trading down

Adding to the industry's gloom are charges that De Beers, which speaks for the diamond establishment, misled investors about the wobbly state of the industry by glossing over evi-dence of falling demand and ignoring the An-

The diamond market was already going badly last year, and they tried to give it a lift by pretending sales were better than they actually were," said James Picton, a Cape Town analyst who forecast the industry's problems well before De Beers did.

Julian Ogilvie Thompson, chairman of De Beers, insists that the company was not unduly optimistic. De Beers, he said, could not have foreseen the crash of the stock market in Japan, hich cast a chill over the diamond market in

that country, or the explosion of diamonds

"The allegations that De Beers has lost credibility are unfair and ill founded, and the facts support me," Mr. Thompson said.

The cartel is scrambling to hold retail prices stable by buying up the oversupply. But for now, the big industrial economies show no signs of returning to the bamble-buying empho-na of the 1980s, and there seems to be little immediate prospect of arresting the flow of gems from Angola.

"It might have been easy at the beginning to control it," said Richard Smart of Martin & Co., a Johannesburg brokerage. "But now you've got 5,000 demobilized soldiers running wild. If you fly a patroi over the province you

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# Xerox Copies the Japanese Putting Customers First Wins the Orders

By John Holusha New York Times Service

WEBSTER, New York --- A case study in how to beat the Japanese: When Xerox Corp. began designing its new high-speed photocopy-ing machine, the Model 5100, it had world markets in mind, especially the Japan

But it took a different tack from U.S. automakers, which, in pursuit of Japanese markets, tried to sell cars with steering wheels on the wrong side. Xerox took great pains to understand the needs of its foreign customers, developing a machine for the Japanese that would duplicate the delicate kanji language characters, for instance, or would handle the filmsy papers used in Japan.

Now the U.S. machine, capable of producing high-quality reproductions faster than anything made by Japanese manufacturers, has become the biggest-selling high-speed paper copier in

A spokesman for Fuji Xerox, an independent affiliate that distributes the 5100 in Japan, said its sales there were approaching 90 percent of the high-speed market.

Xerox's Japanese competitors declined to comment on the success of the U.S. product, but the company's Japanese customers are

NEC Corp., one of the country's biggest electronics companies, has bought 22 of the big copiers. "The machines are better than anything we can get in Japan," a spokesman said.
"We are not concerned that it is an American product. We wanted the best and most efficient

The Model 5100, the people who built it and the approach they took have played a major part in rescuing a U.S. corporation from destructive Japanese competition.
In the early 1980s, the situation at Xerox had

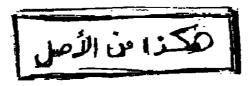
become so bad that as David T. Kearns, its former chairman, later wrote: "If nothing were done to correct things, we were destined to have a fire sale and close down by some time in the

Japanese companies — Canon, Sharp, To-shiba, Ricoh and Minolta — had made the

sinoa, kucon and minotia — nad made the company a special target, he said, and were hurting it badly.

Unlike the makers of television sets and other consumer electronic products, many of which closed U.S. factories or sold them to forming companies. Know chose to find the to foreign companies, Xerox chose to fight: The strategy was to beat the Japanese at their own game, and Xerox went on a quality binge. The Xerox approach is by no means trouble

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By Michael Richardson International Revald Tribune

JAKARTA - Analysts exressed concern Thursday that the U.S. sale of advanced warplanes to Taiwan might prompt China to step up weapons purchases from Russia, intensifying the arms race

in Asia. Jusuf Wanandi, chairman of the supervisory board of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Jakarta, said that President George Bush's decision to reverse a longstanding U.S. ban on arms sales to Taiwan by delivering 150 F-16 high-performance aircraft was "a two-edged sword."

He said the planes would en-hance Taiwan's defenses, but added, "We are worried that the sale of

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administration will look more kindly on Beijing than an adminis-tration headed by the Democratic candidate, Bill Clinton.

In the past, when other Western countries have sold or tried to sell arms to Taiwan, China has moved strongly to block the sales.

When the Netherlands sold two submarines to Taiwan in 1981, China pressed the Dutch until they agreed to stop further sales. France, which has also been hoping to sell its more expensive Mirage fighters to Taiwan, has been aggressively threatened with retalia-tion if the sale goes through. The F-16 announcement makes the French deal less likely.

Beijing's reaction on Thursday left open the possibility of unspecified "serious consequences" if the sale is allowed to go through.

Under a 1982 agreement between the United States and China. which Mr. Bush helped negotiate as vice president, the United States promised to reduce and eventually phase out arms sales to Taipei as tensions eased between mainland

By Richard W. Stevenson

New York Times Service
LONDON — Kevin Maxwell,

the younger son of Robert Max-

well, was formally declared bank-rupt by the High Court here Thurs-

day as part of an effort to recover

hundreds of millions of pounds he

allegedly helped his father to loot from the Maxwell media empire's

ment firm that managed most of

the pension funds for the various

Maxwell companies. The liquida-

Management had won a judgment against Kevin Maxwell in July for

£406.8 million (\$913.6 million) as

part of legal proceedings to track

down £450 million missing from the pension funds. They had sought

the ruling after alleging that Mr.

Maxwell had been negligent in his role as a Bishopsgate director.

The bankruptcy action permits a

receiver to take control of Mr.

Maxwell's assets. In earlier court

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**Maxwell in Bankruptcy** 

The ruling came after a request June on fraud charges. Investiga-

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those problems, knowing that the meeting in Washington in which he

start a flurry of arms acquisitions, first in Northeast Asia and then, as a reaction, in Southeast Asia."

The recent delivery of the first half of an initial Chinese order of 24 Su-27 lighters from Russia has caused widespread concern among Southeast Asian defense planners. Although based on the mainland, the planes are reportedly being rotated through Haman Island,

lands in the South China Sea. Taiwan and Vietnam also claim the whole of the widely scattered Spratlys. The islands are the key to control of offshore oil and gas re-serves in the area as well of as vital shipping lanes linking the Pacific and Indian oceans.

Malaysia, the Philippines and Brunei claim islands and reefs in the Spratlys that are closest to their shores. All the claimants, except Brunei, have put military garrisons on their islands.

signed a new agreement with Russia to buy up to 70 more Su-27s and an undisclosed number of highperformance interceptors, either MiG-29s or MiG-31s.

Derek da Cunha, a fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studins in Singapore, said that deploy-ment of newly arrived Su-27s on Hainan showed that they were "quite clearly related to the Spratly

He said that the long-range Russian aircraft would very likely be used to provide air cover to the Chinese fleet on operations in the South China Sea. He added that the Bush administration's intention to sell F-16s to Taiwan was a sign that the United States was "becon ing more wary of Chinese strategic

intentions" in Asia.

He said that the proposed sale "may well be an attempt to fore-stall a shift in the weight of the strategic balance toward the Chinese in the western Pacific," Such a shift would cause particular alarm in Japan, which depends heavily on the South China sea-lanes for imports of oil from the Middle East, as well as trade with Southeast

proceedings, Mr. Maxwell had list-ed his debts at £1.7 million and his

Kevin Maxwell, 33, and his

brother, Ian, 36, have been primary

targets of the investigations into

the collapse of their father's hold-

ings since Robert Maxwell was

found drowned at sea in Novem-

tors said they had helped their fa-

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shore up the crumbling finances of

with a great deal of humility," Ke-

vin Maxwell said after Thursday's

court hearing. "If there is a redeem-ing feature of the bankruptcy or-

der, it is perhaps that the thousands

of people who suffered loss can

take real satisfaction from seeing a

former director - and, I suppose

above all, a Maxwell - suffer the

consequences of loss personally

Mr. Clinton used the figures to

"Just this morning we're told

that bousehold income is down

\$1,000 this year over last year" and that "2.1 million Americans have

fallen into poverty," he said at a

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"Four years ago we were asked to trust Mr. Bush when he prom-

ised that the next century will be

'an American century.' But over the past 111/2 years, while the Reagan-

Bush-Quayle team have been in

charge of America's economic poli-

cy, we have gone from first in the

world in wages to 13th, and the latest census figures plainly show that over two-thirds of the Ameri-

can people are working harder for

less money than they were making 10 years ago."

The bureau said median house

hold income measured in 1991 dol-

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\$31,750 in 1989. Median income is

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Analysts said that China recently Iraqi Shiite women carrying water Thursday past a pool in the air exclusion region some 450 kilometers south of Bagi

# Iraq Not Off the Hook, UN Says in 'Clarification'

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

VIENNA - The International Atomic Energy Agency on Thursday released what it called a "clarification" of Iraq's nuclear capabilities.

At issue, the Vienna-based agency said, were reports quoting Maurizio Zifferero, leader of its inspection team in Iraq. Mr. Zifferero had been quoted as saying Baghdad's nuclear program was "at zero," and the agency said this had created "a misleading impression of his under-standing of the situation."

"He has not intended to issue a 'clean bill of

health' for Iraq in the nuclear sphere," the agency said.

"Buildings or specialized equipment which were not destroyed during the war and which the inspectors considered to be directly relevant to sensitive nuclear, or especially military nuclear activity, have been destroyed on their instruction," the agency said.

"However, this does not exclude the possibility of further discoveries in the future." Earlier Thursday, a former head of the UN spection efforts in Iraq said it was dangerous

to believe that all the installations had been

David Kay, who led three missions to Iraq to seek out weapons, said Iraqi promises that its program had been halted could not be believed. "It's naive and improdent and not really based on the evidence," he said. Mr. Kay said he could not accept the conclu-

sions of the latest UN inspection team.
"In the face of the evidence, that seems a little implausible," said Mr. Kay, whose teams found weapons production sites that included a plutonium enrichment plant. (Reuters, AFP)

Berlin, the police said Thursday.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Refugee Shelter Bombed Near Berlin

BONN (AP) — Fourty-four refugees fled in panic after rightist!

extremists threw a firebomb into their shelter in Ketzin, a suburb of

The police said the 44 refugees from Romania and Bulgaria who

occupied the shelter fled in panic, but that no one was injured. The shelter was gutted and only fire-blackened walls remained. Geert Piorkowski, a police spokesman in Potsdam, said two of the attackers were arrested and

one escaped after the attack. The refugees were taken to another shelter,

In Erfurt, the police arrested four radicals who hurled stones and flares at a building occupied by Vietnamese workers. No one was injured. The police in Göttingen, in Western Germany, said that assailants broke windows at two refugee shelters in the nearby town of Northeim. No one

BEUING (Reuters) — China rejected U.S. and French protests over the arrest of a dissident, Shen Tong, saying Thursday that he had broken Chinese law after his return from exile in the United States.

"Shen Tong is a Chinese citizen," said a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Wn Jianmin. "He has engaged in illegal activities since coming back to China. The relevant Chinese authorities are investigating this case according to law. This is not a matter for the U.S. nor is it a matter for France." Mr. Wu said. "Their protests are unreasonable."

rance," Mr. Wu said. "Their protests are unreasonable."
Mr. Shen, 24, was arrested Tuesday, shortly before he was to have met reporters to talk about his return. He slipped out of China in June 1989 during a nationwide manhant for dissidents involved in the Tiananmen Square demonstrations calling for democracy. He returned last month to note an organization he had founded to press for democracy.

### Two Studies Bolster Heart Drug

WASHINGTON (WP)— People with evidence of early heart damage can delay the onset of disabling illness, and possibly even prolong their lives, by taking a form of drug that reduces the

resistance the heart must pump against with every beat.

That is the conclusion of two large studies, reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, which together provide evidence that so-called ACE-inhibitor drugs should be standard treatment for most people who have had a heart attack.

most people who have had a heart attack.

Doctors "should be strongly encouraged" to use the ACE-inhibitors, or angiotensin-converting enzyme-inhibitors, in patients whose hearts no longer pump with normal volume and force after a heart attack, wrote Jay N. Cohn, head of cardiology at the University of Minnesota Medical School, in an accompanying editorial. ACE inhibitors delay the onset of congestive heart failure.

### EC Ouestions U.S. Wheat Subsidies

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Community said Thursday that it would investigate whether the huge new wheat-export subsidies announced Wednesday by President George Bush violated an international

Agricultural subsidies have been a major bone of contention between the United States and the EC. The dispute has delayed an ambitious attempt to reform the world trading system.

# **Chemical Arms Treaty Clears Hurdle**

GENEVA (Reuters) - The 39-nation Conference on Disarmament agreed Thursday to send a treaty banning chemical weapons to the United Natious for approval, despite a last-minute Iranian threat to block it. The decision ended 24 years of negotiations on the pact, which would be the first to ban the use, possession and mammacture of chemical

Iran, billing itself as the last victim of chemical attacks during its 1980to-88 war with Iraq, said Thursday afternoon that it would veto the adoption of the treaty because it wanted to ensure its representation on the body that would police it. After consulting with other Asian natiotis, Tehran agreed to withdraw its objection and continue negotiations of the issue of seats on the body.

### TRAVEL UPDATE

Thousands of Greek workers started a 24-hour strike Thursday to protest the conservative government's austerity program. The stoppage forced many state bank branches and government offices to close, halted traffic and caused nationwide problems with electricity, telecommunications and postal services.

Dibouti closed its borders with Ethiopia and Somalia for three days from Thursday as it prepared to vote on a multiparty constitution. President Hassan Gouled Aptidon appealed for reconciliation in Djibouti, where Afar rebels have been fighting government troops on and off for 10 months.

Ukrainian airports and train stations in the main cities of Kiev and Donetsk were paralyzed Thursday when air controllers, rail workers and miners began their second day of strikes. The strikers are demanding a threefold increase in salaries.

Afghanistan's national sirine resumed flights Thursday. An Ariana Airlines Boeing 727 was the first civilian airliner in almost a month to use the shell-shattered Kabul airport.

São Tomé and Principe has contracted a company with close links to South Africa to run its airline for six months. Equatorial Airlines, which operates flights from the twin-island state in the South Atlantic to Gabon, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and South Africa, will be managed by the air charter firm. Transafrik.



The British foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, with residents of a township on Thursday. Mr. Hurd and two other EC ministers are in South Africa to encourage resumption of the dialogue.

# ANC Won't Return to the Table

less" at this time to resume constitutional negotiations with South Africa's white government, which it broke off in June in protest against township

In a statement issued after a three-day meeting of its decision-making National Executive Committee, the organization said it would instead intensify its mass protest campaign to force the government to concede to various ANC demands. The executive committee announced that it

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"agreed unanimously that the responses of the regime to the ANC's demands are unsatisfactory on the key issues of violence and the release of relition of the release of the release of the reliable of The statement said the government was indulg-

ing in "delay and doublespeak" over black town-ship violence, which has claimed more than 6,000 The announcement dashed widespread hopes of

lives in two and a half years. an imminent resumption of full negotiations designed to lead South Africa from apartheid to

nonracial democracy.

(Reuters, AFP)

# FRANCE: Mitterrand's Plea to Support Union Treaty

(Continued from page 1)

divided between the prosperous West and the impoverished East. 'But," he said, "it is not my fault if the East Europeans are backward because of the failed experiment of Marxism-Leninism -- communism. We cannot let every country in right now, because of

Although he has clearly staked his prestige on the outcome of the vote, the president declined to say what he would do if the treaty were rejected. He said that following such "a shame for France and the French," he would make his decision known quickly.
"I will assume my responsibilities," he said cryptically. "I will do what is most useful for France."

Verbose, didactic, pedagogic even, Mr. Mitterrand was cantioned by Mr. Durand to make his replies shorter. "You would think he is in charge." the president said of Mr. Durand.

In a carefully staged presentation, he opened him-self to questions from three hand-picked journalists and group of 20 French citizens, half for the treaty and An opposition spokesman, Philippe Seguin, a Gaullist parliamentary deputy, was given a limited

chance late in the evening to argue the case for defeating the Maastricht arrangements. Mr. Seguin said there was "a deficit of democracy" in the present technocracy of the European Communi-

ty that would be aggravated by the provisions of the new treaty. He cited in particular the proposed Euro-pean System of Central Banks, which he said would take out of French hands the conduct of national monetary policy. Mr. Mitterrand's full engagement on the side of the treaty carried a number of risks, both for the outcome

Probable French voters are almost evenly divided

51 percent in favor, 49 against. A third poll, published Thursday, showed opponents in the majority, 53 per-

An important dimension in the debate was the issue of Germany and what the outcome of the referendum may do to French relations with its enlarged neighbor. Mr. Kohl's participation in Thursday's broadcast was a striking reminder of how much Germany has become involved in the French campaign.

The partisans of a "yes" vote, better to make their point, profess that the defeat of the treaty in France would mean the reversal of the European unification process, cutting a newly united Germany free to folow its worst instincts.

Mr. Kohl was asked by Mr. Durand about the xenophobic violence in Rostock and whether Germany was possessed by "demons" and would succumb again to "the totalizarian temptation."

"There is no German demon," said Mr. Kohl.
"There are a lot of Germans with different sensibilities, different characters. In Rostock there are a certain number of problems" inherited from the previous Communist regime "that cannot be solved from one day to the next. There is no German demon." Former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, a con-servative who supports Maastricht, told a woman in

the Norman city of Caen this week that she need not fear Germany if the referendum passed. "The best argument for a yes is the argument for peace," he said. Without saying so directly, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing and some French like him are harkening back to Jean Monnet and Konrad Adenauer, who thought the surest way to avoid another war on the continent was to

bind Germany to a united Europe. Jean-Louis Bianco, the French minister of equipment, was much more outspoken in an interview

### **SOMALIA:** Gunmen Decide (Continued from page 1)

and reminded him that pregnant

women go first An elderly woman, appearing near death from malnourishment, pushed her way to the head of the line begging for an extra portion, and she, too, was struck with canes and forced to wait her turn at the

Paul Mitchell of the World Food Program in Nairobi, who accompa-nied journalists on the trip here, said food riots in Bardera were common. "It's madness," he said, "hard to control. It's chaotic."

Since Aug. 19, the World Food Program has been able to bring to Bardera only three cargo planes filled with food — a total of less

than 100 tons. This small relief effort has nothing to do with meeting the degree of need - about 45 people die here every day, and 65 percent of the town's children are severely malnourished. But it has much to do with politics and with relief agencies being stretched too thin.

ground to control and distribute food, the organization is loath to bring in more. And the United States, now in the midst of a food airlift to Somalia, will not come to Bardera for fear of according political legitimacy to General Farrah

On Tuesday, while the people continued to die, the general, who is often blamed for Somalia's suffering and anarchy, talked to visit-ing journalists in his military compound not far from the feeding center. He said his struggle against the old regime was a light "for democracy, for peace, for develop-

General Farrah Aidid said he had more than 30,000 militiamen nationwide. They are better fed than people in the rest of the country, he asserted, because of "donations" they receive from wealthy

merchant supporters.

The general, who was a political risoner during the regime of Mo-mmed Siad Barre, said international organizations that wanted to help feed Somalia and guarantee ecurity of food ships side the country should first pro-vide food to his young lighters.

He said incidents of looting . such as the attack Aug. 28 on Mog-adishu's port by armed men backed by three tanks - could be prevented if donor agencies allocated a portion of all relief food to his forces. He said his fighters, if kept well fed, would be better positioned than United Nations troops to guard relief convoys destined for starving villagers.

But a scene later at Bardera's small, largely deserted airstrip il-lustrated just how far Somalia has to go to bridge the gap between those who are power hungry and



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those who are just hungry.

While a group of foreigness was waiting to board a flight to Nairothe income received by households BACHELORS - MASTERS - DOCTORATE halfway up the ladder; half make of the referendum and the credibility of his own published this week. "No longer shackled by its status as a defeated power," he said, "Germany is confront-For Work, Life and Appe more, half less. bi, a rail-thin man who was starving Conservatives in the political opposition who sup-port Maastricht, such as Jacques Chirac, contend that Daniel H. Weinberg, chief of the ing all its old demons."

This aspect of the debate in France has been closely and wrapped only in a dirty cloth (310) 471-0306 bureau's Household and Economic emerged from the bush. His hands FAX: (310) 471-6456 scrutinized by Germans, whose reaction is resentful. Statistics Division, said that since the closer Mr. Mitterrand is identified with the issue. were outstretched, begging for any Call or write for information ed research for Free Evaluation Martin Bangemann, an EC commissioner from 1989, median income had dropped the more likely it is to fail. scraps to eat. Germany, said, for example, that "these anti-German I percent "due to the recession." When General Farrah Aidid's The president, whose second seven-year term does Pacific Western University statements are dangerous over the long term." He Children suffered the largest innot expire until 1995, is increasingly unpopular. His militiamen saw him, they set upon approval rating in the latest poll on the subject slipped to 33 percent. Even members of his own Socialist added: "A German cannot put up with them him, hitting him across the head crease in the poverty rate of any age group from 1990 to 1991. The proindefinitely." and face and shouting at him to Party are concerned that the vote on the treaty will The mass-circulation German newspaper Die Welt portion of children under 18 living leave the area. One of the foreigners, a relief agency official, pulled the guards off the starving man and steered wondered whether "the French are for Europe only in households below the poverty function as a referendum on his presidency, dragging because they believe Germans are the enemy who have fine rose from 20.6 percent in 1990 the treaty to defeat. to be shackled?" An additional consideration is that despite the con-Should the referendum lose, one of the domestic tention of proponents that the choice is pretty much him to safety to the edge of the political consequences is bound to be the strengthenrunway. The relief worker gave the between Europe or chaos, many French may conclude ing of Jean-Marie Le Pen and his extreme-right Naman a bottle of water and sat talkthat the dangers of a "no" are minimal.

They might reason that they would continue to benefit from established EC practices, which would **Breton Group Claims Blast** tional Front party. They have been campaigning against the treaty as an instrument that would vitiate PERFUMES-COSMETICS ing with him. The general's men stood and glared. Agence France-Presse RENNES, France — Breton na-tionalists took responsibility enfeebled president, who at age 75 has been in office French sovereignty, dilute French citizenship and sub-**FASHION GIFTS** merge the country under a wave of immigrants from Top export discounts! the poorer and darker parts of Europe. for more than 11 years. Thursday for a bomb attack on Some of these arguments are proving effective among social groups that are suffering in the present TO OUR READERS IN GREECE Aug. 7 against a company that spe-cialized in selling vacation homes It's never been easier to subscribe on Maastricht. A survey done for the magazine Le Point showed the "yes" votes in the ascendancy, 53 and save, Just call today: to Britons. The Breton Revolutioneconomic climate, such as small busin threatened by future changes that the treaty represents (1) 99-19-328 in Athens. percent to 47, while a sampling undertaken for Paris threatened by future change Match showed the margin to be slightly narrower—to them, such as farmers. ary Army said it was protesting the "cut-price sale of our patrimony."

### Working the Grand Ole Opry and Local TV

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NASHVILLE, Tennessee — When Bill Clinton and Al Gore took the stage at the Grand Ole Opry here last week, the Democratic running mates became the lead story on all three local newscasts. "You might say they played the crowd like a fiddle," said Channel
5's reporter Dan MacDonald.

5's reporter Dan MacDonald.

This year's campaign has raised the care and feeding of hometown journalists to new levels. Through a combination of satellite technology, strategic scheduling of radio interviews and carefully staged "availabilities" at photogenic backdrops, both Mr. Clinton and President George Bush have exploited local news outlets.

Upbeat local coverage has been particularly important to the Clinton bus tours. In Tennessee, campaign aides were thrilled because the candidates and their wives appeared on the Naisville Network, where the Democratic normine demonstrated his bose.

Network, where the Democratic nominee demonstrated his hog-

### Quayle Tries to Cool 'Family Values' Heat

KANSAS CITY, Missouri - Vice President Dan Quayle is seeking to rein in a political debate that has spun dangerously out of his control since he opened it in May with an attack on the television

In a speech to community leaders here, Mr. Quayle defiantly rejected the view that the Republicans have used "family values" to inflame prejudices against homosexuals, welfare recipients and femi-

"I especially reject the notion that discussing this issue is intended to divide Americans from one another, or to imply that some families are superior to others," he told about 500 people at a luncheon organized by the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. "Family values is neither meaningless nor mean-spirited." (NYT)

### Clinton Leads by 15 Percentage Points in Poli

WASHINGTON - President George Bush ran 15 percentage points behind the Democratic challenger, Bill Clinton, in the latest CNN-USA Today poll, the Cable News Network said Thursday. The Arkansas Democrat had a lead of 54 to 39 percent compared with a 10-point gap immediately after the Republican convention. The poll had a margin of error of 3 percentage points. (Reuters)

### **Bush Campaign Rejects Debate Proposal**

WASHINGTON - President George Bush's re-election campaign organization on Thursday rejected a bipartisan panel's recom-mendation for three presidential debates and one vice presidential debate. The format had already been accepted by Bill Clinton, the

"We're not sure that's the best way to serve the public," said Robert Teeter, chairman of the Bush-Quayle re-election committee. We really have not come to an absolute position on what we think is the best way to do it yet." Mr. Teeter said he was not rolling out debates, and assumed that they would take place, but that Mr. Bush was not ready to commit himself.

(AP)

### Quote-Unquote

Ted Windt, a presidential rhetoric specialist at the University of Pittsburgh: "I really can't think of a recent campaign in which the charge of lying has occurred so early and so frequently. This is the earliest I've seen it and the roughest I've seen it."

### **Away From the Hustings**

 The man who videotoped the besting of Rodney G. King charged that the film director Spike Lee may exploit it for financial gain, at the risk of sparking renewed violence. George Holliday said he would oppose any use of his 90-second tape in Mr. Lee's movie, "Malcolm X," unless he sees how the filmmaker will use it.

• American spending on education may reach a record \$445 billion administrators or support staff, the Education Department said.

• More men than women apply for teaching jobs, but men are less likely to be hired, the National Center for Education Information said. It found that men accounted for only 29 percent of public school teachers but 54 percent of applicants, while 78 percent of newly hired teachers were women.

• The federal Centers for Disease Control have proposed a definition of AIDS that would add about 160,000 to the list of those infected. A person with HIV would be classified as having AIDS when blood tests showed a marked depletion of the white cells

• A \$500-million spacecraft, Mars Observer, which was dusted with grit during recent hurricane precautions is now clean and ready for launching on the first U.S. mission to Mars in 17 years, NASA said. The flight is set for Sept. 25. The dirt blew out of pipes hooked to the Titan-3 as workers secured the launching pad for the storm.

• California will no longer provide a safety net for the poot, nor ensure access to higher education for everyone, nor guarantee that no one be decired basic health care. The state budget for 1993 culminates a two-year effort to pare back government and reduce the costs of the hundreds of services it provides.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology said it would appeal a
U.S. court ruling that it violated antitrust law in getting together with
the Ivy League schools to decide how much financial aid to offer

 Elective abortions in Cook County, Illinois, can resume Sept. 17 at Cook County Hospital for the first time since 1980, even though a final legal decision may be months away. The First District Appellate Court refused to extend a temporary restraining order for abortions on demand. The court scheduled a hearing Oct. 14.

# Ex-Navy Aide Weighs In On Clinton Draft Issue

navai officer who found a slot for Bill Clinton in his reserve unit during the Vietnam War said he would have done the same thing for any

college graduate.

The retired officer, Trice Ellis Jr., also said it was unclear whether "Mr. Clinton had been aware of the effort of one of his relatives to protect him from the draft, as the aval billet would have done.

The issue of Mr. Clinton's lack of military service surfaced again in the Wednesday editions of the Los Angeles Times in a report, quoting a former Republican candidate for governor of Arkansas, that said Mr. Clinton, the Democratic presidential nominee, benefited from an effort by his uncle, Raymond Clinton, to keep him out of the draft.

Henry M. Britt, who was also Raymond Clinton's lawyer, was quoted as saying the billet in the

naval reserve was created specially for Bill Clinton. Raymond Clinton, then an automobile dealer in Hot Springs, Arkanses, is now dead. After the Los Angeles Times account, Mr. Ellis said in an interview that he had done nothing improper in finding a slot in the enlisted reserve for Mr. Clinton.

He acknowledged that he had been a friend of Raymond Clin-ton's and that he had been impressed at the time by the chance to enlist someone with a college edu-cation. "We would have done that for anyone else who walked in the

Bill Clinton bad been aware of his

uncle's exertions. He said he tried WASHINGTON — The retired avail officer who found a slot for ill Clinton in his reserve unit during the control of the control this." Mr. Clinton did not respond, he said.

The White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, said Thursday that Mr. Clinton's draft status was vant," Mr. Fitzwater said. "One's military record and draft status are

military record and draft status are important if one is applying for the job of commander in chief. People should know about it."

In Little Rock, campaign aides said Mr. Clinton was surprised by the accounts of his uncle's efforts.

"He doesn't know anything about it," said George Stephanopoulus, the Clinton communicapoulus, the Clinton communica-tions director. Betsey Wright, an-other Clinton aide who has researched his years as a Rhodes scholar in England, said she had

found "nothing to indicate he had any knowledge of it." Mr. Clinton refused to discuss it, saying he had given a full explana-tion of his draft status already. There is no evidence that Mr. Clinton was ever formally offered a naval reserve position. Had he been, and had he accepted it, it would have kept him out of the army, but at some point would have made him eligible for active

duty in the navy. Eventually, Mr. Clinton was exposed to the draft, but drew a high number in the Selective Service lottery and was not called.

to say whose corner he's really in, big labor's or the millions of Amer-icans whose jobs depend on expert-Mr. Clinton has made no secret He said he was not sure whether of his opposition to the Vietnam till Clinton had been aware of his War. (WP, IHT)

# **Democrats Find** Bush's Barbs a Help In Winning Votes

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON - It is not often that a campaigning president can delight both Republicans and Democrats by what he says. But George Bush seems to have managed the trick.

Republican congressional campaign strategists say they are thrilled that Mr. Bush is fired up against the Democratic-controlled longress and that he is denouncing individual incumbents by name in their home states and districts.

enjoying it more are the Democrats primary last month. themselves. They say the new tactic Mr. Vander Jagt - a radical departure from most presidential campaigns, where the and of the ticket does not go out of his way to pick a fight with incumbents of the opposite party -is not

working.
"He did more for me than if I was on his ticket," said Representa-tive William D. Ford of Michigan, chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, shortly after Mr. Bush came to his district and bashed Mr. Ford for opposing his "school choice" program and

on him at a rally in an Atlanta gressman from this district voted suburb, Mr. Fowler said: "My dear against us on Desert Storm." mother went to her Baptist Sunday said, at least seven of them came up and said, 'If they're going to talk 'And I wan that way about Wyche, we're going to have to vote for him.'

Similar stories of a sympathetic about, Representative Richard J. backlash are told by two other Durbin, said: "People were sur-Democrats whom Mr. Bush singled prised by it. I wasn't. I didn't think out during his first week of cam- it was out of line, but the response

**Labor Closes Ranks** 

To Support Clinton

Declaring himself the candidate not been reviewed to ensure that it of working Americans, Mr. Clinton would not cause U.S. companies to conceded that he had not always move to Mexico because of cheap

The Associated Press ing American goods and overs

WASHINGTON - Governor

Bill Clinton picked up the endorse-

ment of the AFL-CIO on Thursday

as union leaders set aside differ-

been on the side of labor leaders.

mitment to the working men and

women and their children and the

forgotten middle class," the Democratic nominee told leaders of the 14-million-member labor federa-

tion, the largest in the United

"We're going to make Bush and Quayle remember those folks on Nov. 3," Mr. Clinton said.

The candidate criticized Presi-

dent George Bush for promising an across-the-board tax cut without spelling out what spending cuts would pay for them. "That's a typi-

cal thing for the former head of the CIA," he said. "Now he's got a

secret plan for the economy."

He also criticized Mr. Bush for

what he called election-year flip-flops: backing the sale of fighter jets to Taiwan and expanding farm

Even Mr. Clinton's sharpest critics in the labor movement rallied behind him as AFL-CIO leaders

said they had to come together to

defeat Mr. Bush.
"Our relationship has not been altogether smooth," said J. Bill Becker, the president of the AFL-CIO in Arkansas, who had scath-

ingly criticized Governor Clinton's

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tectionist pawn of big labor.

"It's time for Governor Clinton

"But we share a common com-

ences in a show of unity.

of the National Republican Congressional Committee, said that that would be the spin you would expect them to put on," even he conceded that Mr. Bush "has to be a bit careful" about the way he goes

"I think he should mention the local member, not to attack him personally or on his record, but as a representative of the status quo, the Democratic majority that's been dividual incumbents by uame in there for 38 years," said Mr. Van-der home states and districts.

The only people who say they are incumbent tide in a Republican

> Mr. Vander Jagt said that "it's likely that this message is not reso-nating at the moment, but he has to stick with it or he doesn't have a chance to win."

"People want a change in Washington," he said, "and at this moment Bill Clinton is perceived as the agent of change and George Bush as the status quo candidate. The only way Bush can win is to shift that burden to the Congress." In the suburban St. Louis district of Joan Kelly Horn, a first-term representative who had co-spon-'just about every education reform
I have put forward."

Wyche Fowler Jr. of Georgia, the first seasor singled out by Mr. Bush for criticism, had a similar compared her to the Cardinals' shortstop, Ozzie Smith, famed for bush for criticism, had a similar

And at the state fair in Spring-The day after Mr. Bush unloaded field, Illinois, he said that "the con-

"He tried to bring legal papers against me," Mr. Bush said, chal-School class. For years, the ladies against me," Mr. Bush said, chal-have been telling her, 'We're so fond of little Wyche but we're Republicans, so of course we can't congressional authorization.

vote him.' But this Sunday, she "He is against the balanced-bud-

get amendment," Mr. Bush said. "And I want John Shimkus to re-The man Mr. Bush was talking

was overwhelmingly favorable to

investment," Ms. Matalin said.

The Arkansas governor has not taken a stand on the recently nego-

tiated North American Free Trade

Agreement because he said it had

labor and lax environmental laws

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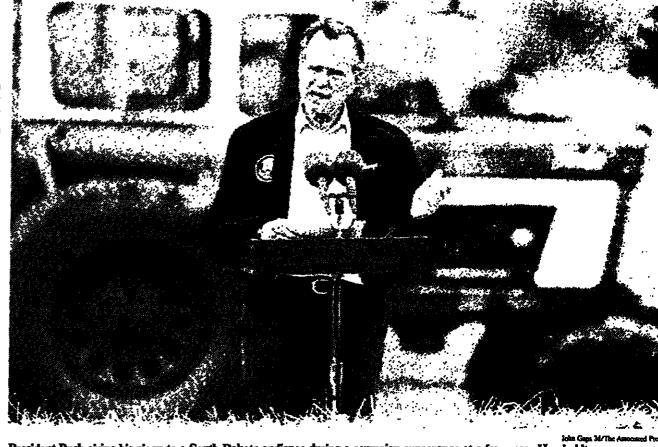
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President Bush airing his views to a South Dakota andience during a campaign appearance at a farm near Humboldt

### BUSH: Election-Year President Is Playing the National Security Card

### (Continued from page 1)

have played a substantial role in the president's decision, barely a week after a devastating hurricane, to rebuild Homestead. The storm destroyed or severely damaged roughly 80 percent of the base, which employed nearly 8,000 mili-tary and civilian personnel and contributed a \$152 Lullion annual payroll to the local econo-

in June 1991, the independent Base Closure and Realignment Commission included Homestead on a list of facilities recommended for possible elimination, citing among other things its limited growth potential in crowded South Florida. The commission is charged with deciding which bases to close to fit the strippeddown armed forces of the 1990s.

The air force, however, argued against the closure, citing Homestead's role in drug inter-diction and — in a classified briefing to the commission — its strategic importance in ward-ing off a potential threat from Cuba or South America. The base, which is home to two wings of F-16 fighters and Customs Service drug planes, was subsequently removed from the commission's list of recommended closings.

Mr. Bush cited military and economic considerations in announcing his decision. While analysts said his reasons may be valid, they questioned his decision to commit to the rebuilding without taking a second look at wheth-

"Over a week they managed to do a whole review of this base and decided it was absolutely vital to American security?" asked Gordon Adams, director of the Defense Budget Project, a Washington research group. "Count me as

# Conservationists' Smoggy View of Bush

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President George Bush's pledge to be the environmental president "seems to have followed the path of 'Read my lips, no new taxes," the League of Conservation Voters says.

The nonpartisan group rated the Republican and Democratic presidential tickets and found the Democrats more in tune with environmen-

Bill Clinton has acknowledged choosing short-term job creation over long-term environ-mental protection during his team as Arkansas governor, but he says he has changed his philosophy in recent years. The league praised him for environmental moves during the last

few years, for commitments he has made to fight pollution and promote conservation if elected president, and for having chosen Senator Al Gore as his running mate.

Mr. Bush got credit for helping move the 1990 Clean Air Act through Congress. But the league said the president's moratorium on pollution regulations this year undermined the act as have actions by the White House Council on Competitiveness, headed by Vice President Dan Quayle. The president was criticized for an appointed panel's decision to allow logging in northwestern forests, for having reneged on a 1988 campaign promise to ensure no net loss of wetlands and for being "the single biggest ob-stacle" to an international treaty cutting carbon

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labor record in that state. But Mr. Becker told fellow AFL-CIO leaders that he still considered Mr. Clinton a "friend of labor" and that the candidate would back mions on key issues such as a bill to ban the hiring of permanent replacement workers during strikes.

Many union leaders had been wary of Mr. Clinton, who is from a sight to work extent and who has a sight to the strike and who has a sight to work extent and who was a sight to work extent and who w PLUMCAKE right-to-work state and who has a spotty record on labor issues. He did not win the AFL-CIO's backing in the primaries until it was clear that he would win the Demo-MAC BAREN Mr. Clinton supports a free-trade pact with Mexico, which many labor officials say will export jobs across the Rio Grande, and his state advertised for overseas invest-ment by boasting about low wages. He also backed a state loan that helped a company operate during a strike. Ironically, Mr. Clinton's past problems with labor may now help him argue against a Republican accusation that he is in labor's pock-et. Mr. Bush has been pressing that theme, saying Mr. Clinton has backpedaled on his support for ex-panded trade with Mexico because of pressures from union leaders. Mac Baren Mr. Bush's deputy campaign director, Mary Matahin, said Thursday that Mr. Clinton was "trying to pawn himself off as a free trader when in fact he's just another pro-

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# Penalize Abuses in China

China would like Americans to appland its economic reforms while averting their eyes from abuses like arbitrary arrest, torture and slave labor. But such selective vision now becomes much harder after two disturbing events. A report was smuggled out of China documenting the harsh tor-ture of political prisoners. And Chinese police, striking at night, arrested a peaceful democracy campaigner, Shen Tong, and two young associates. The disposition of their case remains unclear.

The United States does not have to stand idly by while human rights are so outrageously violated. The best way to encourage a long-overdue political thaw in China is for the Senate to approve a House-passed trade bill that would penalize China for human rights abuses.
Shea Tong, a leader of the 1989 democra-

cy movement in Tiananmen Square, re-turned to China a month ago after three years of exile in the United States. He was arrested just hours before he was to address a press conference to inaugurate the first Chinese chapter of the Democracy for China Fund, the movement Mr. Shen helped launch from the United States. His brave plans challenged Beijing to

clarify its attitude toward freedom of association. China remains a Communist police state, but its leaders brag that political stability has been restored. They recently invited student exiles to return without fear of retribution. But when confronted with the prospect of public criticism, Chinese authorities spectacularly failed the test.

Along with Shen Tong they seized Qi Dafeng and Qian Liyun, and they expelled Ross Terrill, a scholar from Boston accompanying them. The police confiscated notebooks and computer disks, placing at risk all Chinese who may have spoken with Mr. Shen or his friends. A plea by Mr. Shen for peaceful change appeared on this page yes-terday; today comes a document samugaled out of Lingyuan prison detailing barbanic tortures now being inflicted on the impris-oned democrats of Tiananmen Square. In-ternational pressure is needed to protect Mr. Shen and colleagues from a similar fate.

Americans have a ready vehicle for de-manding an early end to China's outrageous treatment of those who dare to call for democracy and civil rights. The Senate will soon be voting on President George Bush's request to exempt China from the high tariffs it would otherwise face because of its Communist system and its failure to permit free emigration. The House has wisely ignored the president, approving a bill to impose selective tariffs if abuses continue. This bill carefully protects the reform-minded private sector of China's coastal enclaves, reserving penalties only for state industries and only if they persist in defying internationally recognized hu-

man rights for another year.

Enacting that legislation, by the necessary veto-proof margin, would place America on the side of political as well as economic reform. That, not the side of torture and repression, is where America belongs. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### **Wisdom From Africa**

Black Africa has much to teach its former masters in Europe. This may surprise those who think that the only news from Africa concerns famine, war, pestilence and tyran-ny. Those scourges exist, but Africa has managed to keep a fifth affliction, ethnic separatism, from shattering national boundaries. Black Africa offers a lesson on the wisdom of respecting the territorial integrity of all states, whatever the mix of peoples.

As in the Balkans and the former Soviet Union, the borders of sub-Saharan Africa were imposed to suit the convenience of past imperial masters. Thus Britain lumped together peoples who were historically antipathetic in creating Nigeria and Sudan, both with a Muslim north and a Christian or animist south. Beginning in the 1950s, empires crumbled as Britain led the way in granting independence to African colonies. Some called for political union and universal socialism. But the ruling elites found common ground in defending the integrity of existing states, a principle upheld by the Organization of African Unity since its founding in 1963.

This defense of existing frontiers was tested in Nigeria from 1967 to 1970, when

Ibo peoples fought unsuccessfully to form their own state, Biafra. The same principle was applied to the breakaway province of Katanga in what is now Zaire. Hence, too, the scant African support for claims to independence by Tigresus in Ethiopia or rebels in southern Sudan. An exception seems likely for Eritrea, because it was initially a recognized territorial entity.

Granted, the OAU has not been able to prevent civil wars provoked by ethnic ri-valries, often with the connivance of Moscow, Washington or Pretoria. But OAU policy has manifestly deterred fragmentation and attempts to grab ethnic enclaves

in a neighbor's territory. This policy can be commended to the former Soviet Union, where tiny ethnic pockets strive recklessly for statehood. And to the former Yugoslavia, where Serbian leaders clamor to scrap frontiers they insist were unjustly imposed by Marshal Tito. When it comes to curbing the barbarous excesses of tribalism, black Africa has shown more maturity than otherwise condescend-ing Europeans. Today's true dark continent begins in the Balkans and extends castward.

## **Post-Marxist Wasteland**

Marxist regimes collapsed as Soviet power lawless sorting out continues, and in Manamore than in the Third World. There the combination of Communist rule and the struggle to end it left the political arena a wasteland. Little of this was heeded in the cheers that went up to salute the global "victory" of democracy. From it arise the tensions afflicting hollowed out countries like Nicaragus now.

It was a triumph that democratic elections took place at all in Nicaragua in 1990. It was a surprise, most of all to the Sandinistas, that Violeta Chamotro's coalition won. But the country was gasping. There was no tradition of peaceful succession. Short of continuing the war she had pledged to end, Mrs. Chamorro had no immediate way to take over the separate ediate way to take over the separate army, police and bureaucratic structures that the unrepentant Sandinistas still controlled. Her choice was a strategy called reconciliation involving cooperation with, in particular, Humberto Ortega, the former

andinista comandante.
This strategy has produced a restoration of democratic forms and at least a promise of economic revival. The army has been reduced from 90,000 to 20,000, for instance.

All around the world, the places where But in the countryside a certain level of tween President Chamorro and former supporters who believe she has gone over the edge in accommodating the Sandinistas.

Unfortunately but inevitably, the United States, principal political patron and bankroller of the new democratic regime, has been drawn in. In the name of supporting Mrs. Chamorro, Senator Jesse Heims has organized a heavy-handed assault on her by squeezing American aid. The administra-tion should have taken the matter in hand and informed Mr. Helms that his intervenand informed Mr. Hearts that his interven-tion is unnecessary and unhelpful, Instead it is moving to let him call the shots.

It is easy to second-guess Mrs. Chamorro, but that misses the point. In a country where U.S. intervention has a long and potent history, the overwhelming requirement on U.S. policy is to get off the back of the democratic government whose election the United States worked for and acclaimed. Quiet consulta-tion could have let Washington pursue its legitimate interest in property rights and democratic procedure. Instead, George Bush lets Jesse Helms be his election-year secretary of state for Nicaragna.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

### Violence in the Home

Those Americans who would like to know more about "family values" would be well advised to turn on the television set Friday night. There, in a documentary called "Scared Silent: Exposing and Ending Child Abuse," they will learn a terrible truth about the American home — that it

can sometimes be lethal to children.
The program is easy to find — CBS, NBC and PBS are airing it simultaneously, and ABC will show it Sunday night. The show will be hard to forget. There is, for instance, the young woman confronting the father who sexually abused her and her sister from childhood. He has known a jail sentence and several years of therapy. She has known hell. When she speaks of how his scenning vulnerability is once more evoking her protectiveness, he says piously, "We've all done our roles in taking care of each other in the areas that we learn how to do." The coolness of his reply is almost as distressing as his past behavior.

harsh and punitive father, recalls the day she threw a curtain rod at her toddler because he had spilled potato chips over a just-vacu-umed rug. The rod killed him. A judge revoked her conviction but could not revoke her guilt. The child's death was an accident,

but one for which she was responsible.

The abuses cited on "Scared Silent" range from cruel sexual practices to cruel beatings to cruel words. All leave the kind of sours that never truly heal. Yet those victims who are still children are often willing to forgive, even if forgetting is impossible. "Children will tolerate just about anything," a therapist explains, "to keep their families."

Sadly, many will grow up to abuse their own young unless something is done to break the vicious cycle. Speaking out, tell-ing the world — however painful it must have been for the participants in "Scared Silent" - is a fine start.

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# Pressures in China: The Dengist Order in Trouble

By Philip Bowring

HONG KONG — The idealistic students who suffered for democracy on Tiananmen Square and the get-rich-quick crowd of aspirant shareholders who recently rioted in Shenzhen, the frontier city adjoining Hong Kong, are both vivid outcomes of the contradictions of the Dengist order now prevailing in China. So, too, is the current crackdown on any signs of political dissent, as evidenced by the arrest of the worker

activist Shen Tong, while economic liberalism continues to be pressed. The Communist bureaucracy wants to keep a monopoly of political power while giving freer rein to market forces. The party officials want to preserve their claims to moral leadership while feeding greedily at the trough filled by capitalist forces. And they

want to allow the natural economic

dynamism of the southern coastal

provinces to flourish while they maintain tight central control of the political institutions of government. Without the economic growth that market forces have brought, albeit very unequally, Dengism has no le-gitimacy. But it is so enmeshed in the nexus of money-making and corrup-tion that stems from huge bureaucratic power in a quasi-capitalist en-

vironment that its own longer-term

legitimacy is undermined The rioters in Shenzhen were reacting against the corruption of middleranking officials who controlled the issue of share application forms. The riot highlights a threat to China, and especially to a Hong Kong with only five years of alien administration left. It has drawn attention to the extent of lawlessness and corruption in

neighboring Shenzen.
This is not exactly news in Hong Kong. The flourishing of brothels is common knowledge. The need to pay off party and government officials is accepted by businessmen trading and investing across the border. Smuggling is rife, most spectacularly of cars stolen in Hong Kong, easily recognized in China by virtue of the fact that they

china by write or the last that they have the steering wheel on the right. The complicity of the Shenzhen police is well established. A senior police officer there recently defected to Hong Kong, accusing fellow offi-cers of obstructing his efforts to com-

bat smeggling syndicates.
Just last week, Chinese authorities arrested Vietnamese cargo vessels in Hong Kong waters, accusing them of involvement in smuggling. It was generally believed in Hong Kong that the ships had been held so that Chi-nese officials could lay claim to part of the consumer durables aboard. Hong Kong is worried that this incident, entirely in keeping with the pi-rate spirit prevailing in southern Chi-na, may drive business away.

It may be argued that such lawless-ness is like America's 19th century Wild West — proof of dynamism. Police corruption is no more commonplace than in Thailand, and toplevel corruption less so than in several dynamic East and Southeast Asian countries that have been held up as models of Third World growth.

P ARIS — Lebanon, the first na-tion in the Arab Middle East to

institute modern democratic pre-

cepts, has a history of vigorous elec

toral contests reflecting a more than century-old liberal tradition.

This long attachment to democratic

the tragedy — of what are passing for elections in Lebanon.

Sadly lacking in this electoral hoax — the third round comes on

Sunday — is any audible voice from

the United States. The Bush admin-

istration is fully aware that the vast

majority of Lebanese are firmly op-

concluding that their country has

once again become a prize to be

offered quietly to Syria as part of

the enticement to Damascus to

reach an agreement with Israel in the Arab-Israeli talks.

doubt. The current parliament was

elected 20 years ago. It has been

renewed five times because of the

turnoil that prevented holding elections. Meanwhile, many mem-

bers have grown out of touch with their constituencies, many in fact

have not lived in their districts for

years or decades, and of course a considerable number have died.

Forty deputies - almost 40 per-

cent -were appointed rather than

elected to fill empty seats.

Thus, real elections are needed

The need for elections is not in

More and more, the Lebanese are

posed to holding these elections.

values indicts the farce - rather,

But governments elsewhere in the region have never been anything but believers in property rights and wealth accumulation. China is very different. Market forces have been partly released but the issue of ownparty reseased but the issue of ownership of capital is still far from resolved. Share ownership is being tentatively encouraged, but the linkage between ownership and control is obscure. Similar uncertainties apply to ownership of land and buildings.

The leadership is not using its posi-tion to accumulate capital or control of firms in any obvious sense. But the well connected are using their powers of patronage to acquire wealth cor-ruptly. Hong Kong's recent property boom, for example, owes not a little to mainlanders investing the pro-ceeds of payoffs from Hong Kong and foreign businessmen, or to "in-vestments" by executives of mainland companies anxious to enjoy the

good life in Hong Kong.
It may be difficult for Beijing to control official corruption in Shenzhen, whether in the issue of share application forms or protection for brothels. Those evils, says the current Deng doctrine, unavoidably go hand in hand with free markets.

pro-democracy movement. Among

them were Liu Gang, a physicist, and

IN THE early evening of April 22, 1991, a prison van left the Great North Prison in Shenyang, China, carrying 11 political prisoners who were convicted for their part in the By Bai Yong Bal Yong is the pseudonym of the person responsible for smuggling this document, which has been verified by Asia Watch, out of Lingyuan prison.

Perhaps so. But the people are in-creasingly aware that the senior lead-ership is not exactly squeaky clean, either. It has had some success in

creating a climate for economic growth, but being wedded neither to communism, capitalism nor Confu-

communism, capitalism nor Confu-cianism, it seems increasingly guided be two factors that have impeded Chi-na's development under various re-gimes — bureaucratism and nepotism. Meanwhile it must keep control of the political machinery and make periodic demonstrations of righteousness. The latter usually take the form of mass executions of unfortunates for social crimes while flagrant corruntion by

crimes while flagrant corruption by
the well connected goes unpunished.
The situation is particularly troubling for Hong Kong. Shenzhen and
southern China may provide good
opportunities for investment, but if
China cannot now control entry into

the Shenzhen border region, what

chance does Hong Kong have of keeping fellow Chinese beyond the boundary fence after 1997?

law and government have of insulat-

ing themselves from the lawlessness of southern China and the corruption of the bureaucracy? Hong Kong of

What chance do its institutions of

Zhang Ming, an engineer, both Beijing student leaders on the most-wanted list, and Tang Yuanjuan, also an engineer.
They were sent to the Lingyuan No. 2 Labor Reform Detachment in Liaoning Province, known to the outside world as the Lingyuan Motor Vehicle General Assembly Plant. It makes Linghe tractors and trucks under the

brand name Hanghe (Yellow River).
From April 22 to May 29 the authorities gave them an "orientation course," requiring the prisoners to recite from memory the "standards of conduct for crimmals undergoing reform" - in essence, a way to instill "criminal consciousness" into them. Liu Gang and 10 other new political prisoners refused to take the memory test. Liu Gang and five others were shackled with leg irons and either thrown into solitary confinement or put in a strict regime unit. The other five were allowed to stay in the brigade to be "corrected." For days, the authorities tried to break

their spirits. The immates went on a hunger strike to protest the brutality, only making conditions worse. The electric baton used to torture Tang Yuanjuan ran out of power. A guard wearing leather boots kicked him and broke two of his ribs. Leng Wanbao remained silent as he was tortured. A guard pried his

Who Wants Democracy in Lebanon?

By Amin Gemayel

The writer was president of Lebanon from 1982 to 1988.

popular support and to help true

reconciliation in the country. But

elections that are not free and fair

Why do people oppose holding elections now? First, Lebanon is

still occupied by foreign forces, mainly Syrian. How "democratic" were the elections in East Germany

while the Soviet Army was there

Second, the militias are still a

major factor. The Iranian Hezbol-

lah, for example, has never been

disarmed. Armed elements are us-

ing intimidation to create political reality through the elections in ar-

cas they control.

Third, most truly representative

or popular leaders and public fig-

ures are either neutralized (that is,

threatened, to keep them from be-coming candidates) or exiled. Fourth, the voting lists are a laughing stock. The Syrian-spon-

sored government has sought maximum leeway for ballot box stuffing

and vote rigging. Palestinians and Syrians are included in large num-bers on the voting lists, which total

almost four times the population.

Why are the "Lebanese" govern-

ment and the Syrians, who are real-

are a criminal exercise.

mouth open and stuck in the baton. An Fuxing became sick and was hospitalized in a state of shock. But as soon as he was released, he was tortured with electric batons by Yang Guoping (at the time, he was the brigade commander, later promoted to be a section chief of the prison administration) and others.
On June 4, 1991, Li Jie, a political

On June 4, 1991, 12 He, a position prisoner from Jilin Province, staged a one-day hunger strike. Yang Guoping assembled the prisoners of the training brigade for a meeting. They dragged Li Jie 10 the stage, stripped him nabed while several common him naked while several common criminals held him down on the floor. Yang Guoping then applied a large 50,000-volt baton repeatedly to the inside part of Li's leg. Two guards used four 5,000- to 10,000-volt electric batons on his head, neck, armpits, chest, belly and fingers. Li Jie sweated profusely, went into spasms and then became motionless.

While torturing Li Jie, Yang Guoping blustered, "So you want to pay homage to those who died on June 4? They died as they deserved." "If you are tired of living, just say so.
Why ravage yourself? We can help
you ... We keep giving you the electric-baton treatment so you will be

impressed.

"Let's see if you will make trouble again. As long as you keep up your

are held now in conditions Syria can control will produce a Syrian-

run parliament until 1996. In 1995 that parliament is to elect the next Lebanese president, whose term will run until 2001. Elections

now, in short, can ensure Syrian

control over Lebanon until 2001, allowing abundant time to alter the country's institutions and destroy

Where possible, then, the Leba-

nese are boycotting the elections.
Inability to administer the elec-

tion has produced widespread

cheating, leading the speaker of the parliament, one of Lebanon's pow-

erful leaders, to resign and the

French government to suggest post-poning elections in view of the fla-

position to offer, with French, Vati-

can and Sandi support, some sug-

gestions on how to get out of the current impasse. Washington un-derstands the nationwide national-

ist resistance to the electoral fraud,

Doing nothing raises the specter of a return of the chaos and turbu-

The Bush administration has yet

to be heard on this travesty. If this

silence continues, it bodes ill for Lebanon and for the prospects in

the Middle East of that commodity

sold out so cheaply -- democracy.

The New York Times.

lence only recently arrested.

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Chinese Democrats Tortured in Prison counterrevolutionary actions, we will never reienti"

Since June, prisoners of the training brigade have been forced to make match boxes. Their quotas were set higher than those for any other squad and these were constantly raised, from 800 a day to 1,700 a day, even as high as 2,000. They labored from 8 A.M. till 8 P.M. If the quotas were not fulfilled they were forced to work until 9:30. Prisoners were not allowed to drink water or smoke.

course has plenty of black marks on its own image in this regard; but that is nothing compared with what hap-pens across the border.

Too much regional autonomy has its dangers for both China and Hong Kong, Either the 70 million people of

Guangdong will swamp Hong Kong's 6 million, or there will be reaction in

Beijing against the decline of central authority, the growth of contuption and the disparity in incomes between different parts of China.

itably undermine the political struc-ture in China. Maybe it is now too far

advanced to be stopped and the Beijing leadership is simply going with the flow.

But there is no cogent system of beliefs, laws or institutions to under-

pin it. There is merely a party and bureaucracy that no more believe in

the market economy than they do in

Maoism. They are plainly interested

The economic ingredients for rapid growth of southern China are still

But the Shenzhen incident shows

up again the weaknesses and contra-dictions of China's political and ad-

International Herald Tribune

only in their own survival.

very much in place.

ministrative structure.

Economic liberalization will inev-

Having read the white paper on haman rights in China, Liu Gang and the others found their treatment nowhere close to that described in official propaganda. They decided to go on hunger strike.

That evening the authorities de-clared the hunger strike "an act of resisting reform and even a prison uprising — all 13 participants must be punished." On New Year's Day, 1992, eight

political prisoners in tiny solitaryconfinement cells again went on a hunger strike and demanded to see their loved ones. This was rejected. That afternoon Zhang Ming wrote a poem on the wall. Li Yang, the commander, with a group of common criminals in tow, on the pretext of searching for knives, forced Zhang Ming to take off all his clothing, beat

Li declared fiercely, "So you want to stage a hunger strike? Go right

"Labor-reform detachments aren't afraid of deaths! When one dies we'll bury one. When two die we'll bury a Political prisoners are getting the

most inhuman treatment at the No. 2 Labor Reform Detachment in Ling-Even in these terrible circum-

stances they continue to cherish an ardent love for freedom and refuse to be intimidated. They are trying to preserve their personal dignity.

They are convinced that they are

not alone. The hearts of hundreds of millions are with them.
Please pay close attention to their

The New York Times.

# In France, High Stakes For Europe

By Flora Lewis

PARIS — The hair-raising sus-Pense of how the French electorate will vote on the project for European union came as a surprise, even for energetic advocates of a no vote in the Sept. 20 referendum on the Maastricht treaty.

They are a strange group, ranging across the political spectrum from the Communists to the far right, with fragments of all the parties in be-tween. Nothing positive links them. They argue that there is already too much Europe (in terms of pooled power,) or that the new treaty doesn't go far enough, or that there is just enough Europe as is, so vote no to

keep the status quo.

The amalgam cannot possibly be sustained after the ballot. But even if

sustained after the ballot. But even if
the yet squeaks through, the shrill and
sometimes masty debate will leave
scars, in France and in Burope at
large. It will also leave some lessons.

The French government and others
took support for institutionalized Europe too much for granted. The exercise of involving and soliciting public
opinion was far overdue. Also, the
French government flagrantly mismanaged the campaign once President François Mitterrand took up the
challenge to call for a direct popular challenge to call for a direct popular vote instead of parliamentary ratifi-cation, which would have been easy. canon, which would have been easy.

The campaign started with inspid
billboards and disdainful messages,
one showing a young man with a
toothpaste-ad smile saying. "Even if
it's unpronounceable, Maastricht.
I'm for it." Enlisting pop stars, athletes and assorted celebrities only compounds the air of popularity con-

test frivolity. To that the answer is clear. Mr. Mitterrand is unpopular. The arguments have also revealed. however, that much of the public has come to take Europe too much for granted. A variety of interest groups have complaints on minor matters. But there is a wide assumption that if all the benefits of integration are per-manently established and cannot be

eroded. That may be an illusion. The 1957 Treaty of Rome, which in effect Maastricht merely amends and enlarges, is made of more than its articles. It sets a direction, creates an anticipation, prescribes a mo-mentum that is open-ended. A full stop now, which French rejection of the new treaty would impose, would of itself undermine the meaning of

the Community's charter. Former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing who prided himself on advancing and strengthening institu-tional Europe when he was chief of state, has honestly and consistently come out for yes, reminding his compatnots that they will have full opportunity to vote their distaste for Mr. Mitterrand and the Socialists in parliamentary elections next March. No now, Mr. Giscard says, would be "a catastrophe," all the more be-

cause France was a founder and insismost of the last 45 year, regardless of which government was in power and without major opposition.

Still, there is something instinctive in the shudder of doubt on the brink of a leap intended to transform relations among member states and, in-deed, transform some of the traditional attributes of the nation-state, including provision of a new common citiz

on citizenship. Not only the French have second thoughts. A well-informed Dutch writer, always a supporter of his country's firm pro-Europe policy, told me recently that he was getting queasy about the idea of "Greeks and Italians telling us how to run our country." He still likes the Community, but the deep old hold of exclusions and the deep old hold of exclusions. sive nationality as an essence of personal identity creates an emotional

Counter-tug to his rational impulses.

Of course, this has been true from the beginning, well before the reali-ties of modern economies and tech-nology diminished the importance of borders. Why is it emerging so in-tensely now? In part it is the end of the Cold War, of the fear of an enemy that overrode the fears of melding with neighbors. In part it is because Maastricht does represent a decisive new step, contemplated but not really expected so soon.

Perhaps it was a psychological mis-

take to accelerate the move, a French-German initiative in response to the end of German and European partition. But those new circumstances also threaten to unravel the Community if it does not fortify its bonds.

This is a grave moment. Yugosla-via shows that the horrors of the past can be repeated if the future is re-fused. The stakes are high for France, for Europe, for the world.

The New York Times.

### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Balkan Bloodshed VIENNA - A telegram from Cettinje states that blood fends are again

rampant in Montenegro. An armed band recently attacked Mallisori, a village of Poljawica, and killed a cer-tain Marko Kolim in revenge for the murder of a Montenegrin named Mirko Stanojeff. The ringleaders of the rival parties have been arrested.

1917: Russians Lose Riga

PARIS - Riga, menaced by the German enveloping movement reported yesterday [Sopt. 3], has been evacuated by the Russians. Aided by further treachery in the Russian ranks, Prince Leopold of Bavaria has had no difficulty in successfully developing his offensive begin on Saturday [Sept. 1] after preliminary operations lasting some fifteen days. The advantages gained by the occupation of Riga are of great importance. The city, the fifth rograd and Odessa only, will serve as an excellent organization base for the German left wing, which has been for two years in the swamps of Tirul.

1942: Roosevelt's Pledge WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] President Roosevelt

pledged total victory today to the lighting forces of the United Nations, and to the youth of the world promised that victory this time will not be thrown away and that political cynicism, timidity and incompetence will not be allowed to mar the shaping of a better world after the war. The mes-sage was broadcast from the White House to the young people of the international Student Assembly which is meeting in Washington. Mr. Roose-welt told the worth of the University velt told the youth of the United Nations that when the victory has been won a real world-civilization will be founded, based on the four freedoms and the Atlantic charter, and he of great importance by Petlargest of Russia, and which as a seaport is preceded in importance by Petlarge measure of responsibility for it.

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Thus, real elections are needed by behind it, so eager to stage—and to restore constitutionality and I do mean "stage"—these elec-

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# Listening to Clinton Speak, A Pencil Is Underwhelmed

By William Safire

R OCKVILLE, Maryland — One sign, up near the stage in the amphitheater, reads "Stills," inviting not moonshiners but still photographers. Another, near good seats in the center, proclaims "Cameras," for the TV medium. Behind them, the view largely blocked, is the designation "Radio and Pencils." which was where I took a sent Pencils," which was where I took a seat at Wednesday's Clinton rally at Mont-gomery College in Maryland. What a deliciously archaic synecdo-

che: "pencils." to stand for "the writ-ing press," much as "head" is the part leader should make an entrance, stricting used for the whole of "cartle." Most of the pencils around me take notes with laser-point pens or hand-held recorders or laptop computers and would not know a lead pencil from an antique tens to the introductions, and embarks quill, but the figure of speech is apt and on his speech in a folksy way.

boy sitting in the row below, laboriously

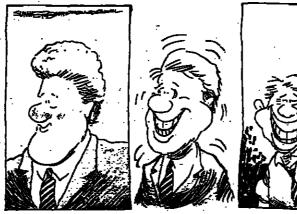
the day's public campaign event is the two-year community college in Montgomery County, Maryland, a wealthy

nice people on a pleasant day. Many are bedecked in badges, festooned in rib-bons of momentary authority. Bill Clinton ambles in I remember

into a room or onto a stage briskly and

original to this campaign.

What's good about his stump speech is this: Governor Clinton speaks from notes but does not read at an audience, writing an essay while we await the arrival of the candidate. I can make out the large block letters at the top of the page on his composition pad: "A Saga of Carnage," presumably about Huricane Andrew, it is unlikely that his topic is the plight of the Bosmians or Somalis. The school chosen to be the setting for the day's public carmagen event is the



ner's strategy of playing not to lose. What's not so good about the Clinton stump speech is this: He won't win by playing not to lose. He must sharpen and toughen his assault on the present deadness in the water, and stop calling it the status quo. He has to learn to bring

people out of their seats. Unlike George Bush, who knows how to capitalize on current events, Mr. Clinton does not use a new fact to work himself into some passion. He briefly cited that day's economic news — that personal income in real dollars had declined last year — but with quicker staff work he could have made that shocker the centerpiece of his speech and made the network news with his most effective message: Times are tough.

The unwary Clinton, pleased that the Bush family-values balloon has failed to rise, may be stepping into a genera-

tional trap. Mr. Bush charges that Democrats will raise taxes, striking lear into wage carners; Mr. Clinton is countercharging that Republicans will cut services, frightening retirees. Workers outnumber retirees; if these are the battle lines, Mr. Bush will win.

Here in the amphitheater, candidate Clinton is wrapping up, charging wonkily that the country is undereducated, underorganized, underinvested and un-derled." I'm underwheimed. So is the kid doing his homework, who

has made good progress with "A Saga of Carnage."

But the campaign is just getting started; the opposing candidates are sparring, not yet slugging; we undecideds are in no rush to make a decision; and the

political carnage lies ahead. It's a great time to be a pencil.

The New York Times.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **Keep Radio Liberty**

Regarding "U.S. Panel Calls for the End of Radio Liberty" (Aug. 5) by Barba-

Those politicians who favor canceling plans for a U.S.-sponsored broadcast service to China would be wise to remember that breaking the information monopoly of authoritarian regimes is probably the most cost-effective way to realize America's interest in the spread

As Vaclav Havel and other former dissidents in Eastern Europe have ar-Igued, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty were instrumental in undermining Communist regimes in that region. Their objective reporting provided ordinary citizens with the necessary information to judge the performance and integrity of their rulers, enabled unofficial and opposition voices to reach mass publics, and encouraged dissidents with the knowledge that their activities and fates would not go unnoticed.

The people of China deserve no less from a superpower which claims to champion democracy.

DANIEL C. THOMAS.

### Save a Life

Regarding "Drought and Death: A Hell in Kenya's Northeast" (Opinion, August 25) by Smith Hempstone:

The U.S. government allocated \$4.17 million to northeastern Kenya and there are some Deutsche marks, some French francs and some British pounds. But is this enough?

After reading Mr. Hempstone's article one thing became obvious to me: as a student I cannot give a lot of money but I want to share a little bit of my prosperity. This won't hurt me but it could save a life in Kenya.

MICHAEL HANISCH Stadtbergen, Germany.

### Guidance, Please

So George Bush, Dan Quayle and the Republicans are the "Party of God" in the United States. Does this mean that if God could vote, he'd vote Republican? Let's get past such distractions and get down to the real issue: jobs, jobs and more jobs, the economy, health care, entitlements and the deficit.

Callet transition of a section of

LEONARD NEWTON. Ferragudo, Portugal.

The IHT political cartoons say more than a million words — especially the one of James Baker trying to rewire George Bush (Aug. 18) and the Englishman who, leaving for work, tells his wife to ring the Americans about the mess next door (Aug. 20). Keep it up.

> P. F. BAILEY. Leysin, Switzerland.

As one who worked in Harry S. Truman's campaign, I resent George Bush's effrontery in comparing himself to Pres-ident Truman. Truman had principles and stood by them. Bush hasn't and wouldn't. Bush has changed his position so many times that he deserves mention in the Guiness Book of Records as the greatest flip-flop artist of all time, not the greatest come-back artist. FRED FREDRICKS.

Hong Kong.

### Outrace the Wind?

The photographs on pages 1 and 5 (Aug. 31) show the desperate tardiness and disorganized nature of the U.S. govemment's response to the hurricane in Florida. The page 1 photo shows Americans scrambling for food like starving refugees in Somalia, and the load of jumbled "relief supplies" in the Army truck shown on page 5 looks more like

garbage than "WE CARE" packages. Where was George Bush when hurricane warnings filled the press, radio and television? Relief supplies should have been waiting just outside the predicted path of the harricane long before the president dropped in to take a look around. CHARLES BOGGS.

### A Critical View

When is the media and the operanc world going to recognize what a fraud Peter Sellars really is? Has he really read the operatic librettos or bothered to research what the composers desired in the

staging of their operas?
His stagings, at best, are like a bad dream of an operatic dilettante. How would those that defend him feel if some mad man were to cover all the works of Michelangelo with tar and feathers, for instance, and say, "now there's another way of looking at them" - destroying them in the process.

That you even bother to give such an impostor any kind of attention is beyond my and all the operatic professionals' comprehension.

> LORENZO MALFATTI. Lucca, Italy.

# Through the Film Screen, Darkly

By Gore Vidal

WASHINGTON —As I now move, graciously, I hope, toward the door marked Exit, it occurs to me that the only thing I ever really liked to do was go to the movies. Naturally, Sex and Art always took precedence over the cinema. Unfortunately, neither ever proved to be as de pendable as the filtering of present light through that moving strip of celluloid which projects past images and voices onto a screen. Thus, in a scenningly simple process.

screening history.

As a writer and political activist, I have accumulated a number of cloudy trophies in my melancholy luggage. Some real, some imagined. Some acquired from life, such as it is; some from movies, such as they are. Sometimes, in time, where we are as well as were, it is not easy to tell the two apart.

I was born Oct. 3, 1925, on the 25th birthday of Thomas Wolfe. I have lived through two-thirds of the 20th century, and one-third of the history of the United States of America. What has been your impression thus far, Mr. Vidal? as eager interviewers are wont to ask, and so on.

But suddenly, everyone is alert and adept. It is a univer-sal phenomenon that whether one is at Harvard or at the University of Bologna, after the dutiful striking of attitudes

### MEANWHILE

on subjects of professional interest, like semiology, the ice does not break until someone mentions the movies. There is real passion as we speak of the falling-off of Fellini in

Movies are the lingua franca of the 20th century - the Teuth Muse, as they call the movies in Italy.

My life has paralleled, when not intersected, the entire history of the talking picture. Although I was a compulsive

reader from the age of 6, I was so besotted by movies that one Saturday in Washington, D.C., where I grew up, I saw

five movies in a day.

I don't think anyone has ever found startling the notion that it is not what things are that matters so much as how they are perceived. We perceive sex, say, not as it demonstrably is but as we think it ought to be as carefully distorted for us by the churches and the schools, by the press and by — triumphantly — the movies, which are, finally, the only validation to which that dull anterior

world, reality, must submit. The screening by CNN of our latest war was carefully directed by those who were producing the war. What this particular movie was all about is still not clear to us, nor are we ever apt to know what really happened until someone makes a backstage movie like "The Bad and the Beautiful." In February 1991, history was being invented before our

eyes. From day to day we saw the editing and dubbing process at work. But we were merely viewers, while the actors on screen were also, in an eerie way, passive: part of a process no one seemed to be in control of. Even the Orson Welles of our times, the magnificent Herman Norman Schwarzkopf, was finally no more than a thousand points of pulsing light in a cathode ray.

In my novel about Washington, I centered the narrative

on the two houses where I grew up: That of Senator Gore in Rock Creek Park - now, significantly, the Malaysian Embassy — and that of my stepfather, the ill-named Merrywood, high above the Potomac River on the road to Manassas. Each house represented a different world that I would either have to master or be mastered by. All in all, I fancied this book. I was there and not there in the text. I had revealed and not revealed my peculiar family. I had also, without intending to, started on a history of the American Republic as experienced by one family and its emblematic connection to Aaron Burr.

During the next quarter-century I re-dreamed the republic's history, which I have always regarded as a family

- not only famous but even preposterous? When my mother was asked why, after three famous marriages, she did not try for a fourth, she observed, "My first husband had three balls. My second, two. My third, one. Even I know enough not to press my luck."

At the time, my book was regarded as a novelized MGM

movie, with sets by Cedric Gibbons and a part for Katharine Hopburn at her most mannered. So much for my strict realism. Eudora Welty may tell us all about her folks, and there is the pleasurable shock of recognition. But should I capture my family upon the page, the result is like a bad movie — or, worse, a good one. I never again used my own family as the stuff of fiction.

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But isn't it possible that even when working from memory, I saw the world in movie terms, as who did not or, indeed, who does not? So let us examine the way in which one's perceptions of history were — and are — dominated by illustrated fictions of great power, particularly those screened in childhood.

In the fall of 1939, I was sent to a school for disturbed rich boys, although I was I neither disturbed nor my father rich. But my mother was constantly on the alert for exotic schools, and the Los Alamos Ranch School in New Mexico took, as it were, the cake. Isolated on a spectacular mesa, 70 boys rode horses and led the strenuous life as laid down by Theodore Roosevelt, one of whose disciples had founded the school.

One year of the stremous life was enough for me, and I was saved by a removal to Exeter. Meanwhile, the war came, and the government took over the school and the mesa in order to set up an atomic bomb laboratory. I will say that this small, if somewhat peculiar, school did produce two highly subversive writers. Myself and William S. Burroughs.

I am now screening for you my own history because it intertwines with the actual history of our time. When I was at Exeter, George Bush was at Andover. He is a year my senior. More than once, he has confided to us that he has a problem with what he calls "the vision thing," not to mention the English language, which we at Exeter always thought somewhat neglected at Andover. But Bush's admission that he lacks vision of an ideological sort is hardly a surprise to any of us who were so educated and so brought

up - in his case and mine by a senator in Washington. Since George Bush and I were brought up on the same movies and newsreels, I think I can tell what he would like to do next, though a country with a collapsing banking system is not exactly the best launching pad for a would-be Trajan.

For George Bush it is always 1939, the year of "The
Wizard of Oz." "Gone With the Wind" and "Young Mr.

It is the year that Hitler invaded Poland; that Japan was conquering China. It is the year when that magnificent windbag, Churchill, was speaking up for war and that truly amoral and cynical politician. Franklin Roosevelt, was trying simultaneously to get us into the war while carefully staying out of the war. This sort of statesmanship deeply puzzles school teachers in Gettysburg, where one is either great and good and always right or not.

Bush sees himself in this heroic line of the great and the good and the right. But the world of the 90s does not resemble, in any way, the 30s. There is no Hitler, no Stalin. There are no regnant ideologies other than our own, which

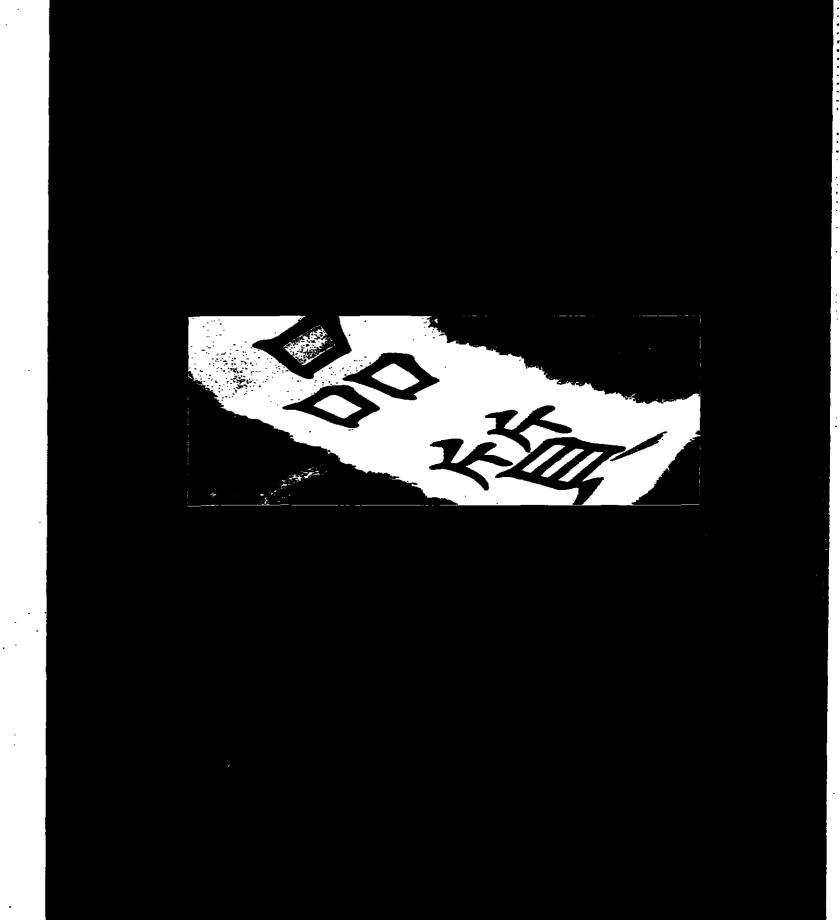
Bush himself is of no account, and unlucky in his epoch. He may dream of himself as a new Lincoln, standing in the wings, but he is no more than another dim Hoover, presiding over what looks to be a prerevolutionary time.

I suspect that even as I write, there is already a great somber figure, ready to play Lincoln when history gives the cue. I hope we survive him.

Mr. Vidal's "Screening History," from which this was excerpted for The Washington Post, has just been published by Harvard University Press.

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By Blaine Harden

Washington Post Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina -- An Italian cargo plane carrying blankets for the humanitarian airlift to Sarajevo crashed Thursday as it approached the besieged Bosnian capital on a flight from the Croatian port of Split. The fourman crew died in the crash, UN Officials said.

The United Nations suspended the huge audift of food and medicine to Sarajevo, which began June 29, pending an investigation of the

The wreckage of the twin-engine furboprop was found Thursday evening about 22 miles (35 kilometers) west of Sarajevo by a U.S. Marine helicopter, according to Fernando del Mundo, a spokesman in Geneva for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The plane's pilot, in his last radio

contact with the Zagreb control tower in nearby Croatia, made no mention of mechanical or any other problems, saying only that he was 30 kilometers west of Sarajevo, according to Mr. Del Mundo. Sarajevo airport is surrounded

by Serbian artillery and there are a cadent, a UN official said last dersecretary for peacekeeping opnumber of radar-equipped Serbian anti-aircraft guns in the Sarajevo

There are also anti-aircraft guns and artillery in the hands of Croatian forces in the region where the plane went down. Bosnia's primarily Muslim defense forces have a few artillery pieces, as well as a few ground-to-air missiles.

The Serbian news agency Tanjug reported Thursday night that the Bosnian Serb military command categorically rejected any connection between Serbian forces and this event and accused the opposite side of downing the plane."

Several pilots flying in the airlift have reported detecting that their aircraft have been "locked on" by anti-aircraft radar.

A British pilot took combat-style evasive action two weeks ago when instruments detected anti-aircraft radar and the plane's crew reported seeing what appeared to be antiaircraft fire from the ground.

That incident occurred 51 kilometers west of Sarajevo, in roughly the same area as where the Italian plane crashed. Referring to that in-

month that the aircraft was defi- erations. nitely over territory controlled by

Croatian forces. In Sarajevo on Thursday, a UN official warned that if attacks on peacekeeping forces continued,

countries sending troops to join the UN force in Bosnia-Herzegovina might demand their withdrawal. "I have sought explicit assurances from both sides that they will stop shooting at United Nations

Two UN peacekeepers have been killed and 44 wounded in Sarajevo since May, and the frequency of attacks and serious injuries has increased sharply in the past month. There are more than 1,500 UN troops and civilians here, with the largest contingents from France, Egypt and Ukraine.

force has taken in a long time."

"If it goes on for too long and at too high a level of casualties, the countries that contributed troops will not be prepared to tolerate casualties above a certain level," said Marrack I. Goulding, UN un-

Japan Trip

MOSCOW - Russia

threatened Thursday to post-pone a visit to Japan by Presi-dent Boris N. Yeltsin this

month because of a disagree-

The threat further dims

prospects for an early resolu-

tion of a dispute between the

ment over security.

The UN headquarters building, which lies in a broad valley in the western suburbs and is exposed to Serbian and Bosnian government guns, sustained a direct hit Wednesday night from an artillery

No one was hurt, but there was extensive damage.

Mr. Goulding did not blame one warring side more than another for personnel," he said. "The force is targeting the peacekeeping opera-taking more casualties than any tion, and UN sources have said in taking more casualties than any the past that both Serb and primar-Muslim Bosnian fighters have taken shots at the building.

But in the past few days, these sources say, it appears that the artillery shelling is coming from the Serbian side. Serbs hold commanding artillery positions in encircling hills, and their guns have damaged 6 of every 10 housing units in the

Mr. Goulding described the UN peacekeepers in Sarajevo as being in an "intolerable situation." But he nevertheless said that he would continue to support the operation ecause "the only alternative was to withdraw '

Regarding the possibility of for-eign military intervention in Bos-nia-Herzegovina, Mr. Goulding said, "I bonestly don't think that is going to happen." Mr. Goulding also met with the

leaders of the Bosnian Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, and with the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic. The main purpose of his trip, Mr. Goulding said, was to persuade Mr. Karadzic to follow through on a promise to put nearly all Serbian artillery, tanks and mortars in the

Sarajevo area under the supervision of UN military observers. "What we are trying to do is to make it possible to persuade him too stop destroying the city, the children and the country, Mr. Goulding said. "He is the one who says he wants to talk."

■ Geneva Conference

An international conference on the former Yugoslav states opened Thursday with a warning not to expect a quick end to fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina, The Associated Press reported from Geneva.

A 17-member committee guiding the talks, sponsored by the United Nations and the European Community, focused its first session on Bosnia's problems. The panel also looked at ways to tighten the UN trade embargo on Serbia and Mon-Cyrus R. Vance, a committee co-

chairman, cautioned against expectations that the talks might soon halt the killing fighting Bosnia. "You can't stop these things im mediately; you have to work on it," he said. "There is no magic way to

come in and solve it.'

Tajik Leader Defies Demands to Resign By Steven Erlanger

reported from Moscow. New York Times Service Tajikistan radio said the fighting broke out following two opposing demonstrations held in one of the main cities of the region. The report MOSCOW - While Georgian and Russian leaders met Thursday to try to resolve ethnic violence in Georgia's Abkhazia region, agreeing to another cease-fire, the fate of Tajikistan's resilient president, Rakhmon Nabiyev, was unsaid there were dead and wounded on both

sides in the fighting but gave no additional clear after another effort to depose him. Mr. Nabivey has survived such crises before. Mr. Nabiyev's opponents on Thursday de-But with a civil war simmering in Tajikistan, it seemed that his string might finally have run clared that they had expelled him from office after three days of protests, including the taking of government ministers hostage and the occu-pation of the presidential offices. They con-vinced the presidium of the Tajik parliament and government ministers to issue a statement

Tajikistan has been embroiled in long-stand-ing regional, clan, religious and political conflicts, and Mr. Nabiyev has been able to manipulate them all to keep his seat. He is an old-style Communist Party boss with strong support from the security services, the middle class and

particularly in the northeast Leninabad region, here he and his clan are from.

Mr. Nabiyev is opposed by poorer Tajiks from the central plains and eastern mountains who have had little government largesse, a revived Islamic party and the small democratic opposition. The opposition denies Mr. Nabiyev's charge that it favors the imposition of a fundamentalist Islamic state on the model of Iran. Tajiks are ethnically Iranian and their language is almost indistinguishable from

Tajikistan is considered an important exam-

ple of the ethnic and regional strife prevaled along the southern rim of the former Soviet Union, as republics with boundaries defined by Soviet divide-and-rule policies find themselve, independent. Tajiks have also embraced Islan suppressed under Soviet rule, and used it as and instrument of their opposition to Mr. Nabiye-

and his allies in the old Communist system.
Georgia also began to spin apart, with secessionist movements in South Ossetia, bordering Russia, and lately in Abkhazia, on the western seacoast, which declared its independence in July. The Georgian leader, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, has reluctantly sanctioned the use of . troops to put down the Abkhazians and protect the main railroad between Tbilisi and Russia.

But in the fighting over the last three weeks, in which about 200 people have died, the rail-road has been cut altogether and the Abkhazian leader, Vladislav Ardzinba, maisted on talks only on "neutral territory," namely Russia. Mr. Shevardnadze reluctantly went along, with President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia as an

On Thursday, a new cease-fire was agreed upon, to begin on Saturday, and Georgia agreed to keep only enough troops in Abkhazia to protect the railroad and highway network. The three men also agreed to study the introduction of peacekeeping forces, though the Georgians, who accepted them in South Ossetia, have so far rejected the idea for Abkhazia.



Demonstrators in the Tajikistan capital, Dushanbe, demanding the resignation Thursday of President Raklamon Nahiyev.

### Fischer and Spassky Yeltsin Draw Their 2d Game May Delay

SVETI STEFAN, Yugoslavia — Bobby Fischer battled to a draw with Boris Spassky on Thursday in the second game of their \$5 million rematch which marked Mr. Fischer's return to the game after a

20-year absence. Under the rules of the match. draws do not count for points. which leaves the score 1-0 after Mr. Fischer's convincing victory

Although the American chess genius offered the draw after seven hours of exhausting play, he exhib-ited a very strong middle game that

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# impressed chess experts here Final position

two countries over islands off of northern Japan. According to a statement issued by the presidential protection service. Japan has been unable to provide guarantees for Mr. Yeltsin's security dur-ing the visit, scheduled for Sept. 13 to 16. The protection service complained that Japan was seeking to prevent Mr. Yeltsin's bodyguards from bringing weapons into the country and to restrict their presence at official events.

"Unless the Japanese side changes its position, the protection service of the president will recommend postponing the visit," read the statement. which was carried by Tass.

# [Supporters and opponents of Mr. Nabiyev clashed Thursday in the Kurgan-Tyube district Children's Thyroid Cancer Traced to Chernobyl

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service NEW YORK - Children who were exposed to radiation from the

calling on Mr. Nabiyev to resign, and scheduled

an extraordinary session of parliament for Fri-

The statement said that its signatories "con-

sider he has been removed from power and that

from now on it is not possible for him to

headquarters of the Commonwealth of Inde-

pendent States' army garrison in Dushanbe, the

Tajik capital, has not resigned. And a statement

issued by Mr. Nabiyev through the Tajik mis-

sion in Moscow denied that he had taken refuge

and decried "an outright attempt at a coup."

But Mr. Nabiyev, who is reported to be at the

day to discuss the matter.

perform his duties."

Chernobyl nuclear power plant diveloping thyroid cancer sooner and in larger numbers than expected.

new study.

In a letter published Wednesday in Nature, the British science jour-nal. Dr. Vasili S. Kazakov of the data showing illness in the popula-

tion downwind of the Chernobyl the thyroid cancer rates in the re- found 131 cases of thyroid cancer accident in 1986, said Marvin gions most heavily irradiated began Goldman, a radiation biologist at to soar in 1990. the University of California at Ir-In Gomel, a city in the most

contaminated region studied, there vine, who was not involved in the nsed to be just one or two cases a year of thyroid cancer in children. Dr. Kazakov and his colleagues 38 cases in 1991

The results are the first reliable Belarus Ministry of Health in In six regions of Belarus and the ata showing illness in the popula-Minsk and his colleagues say that city of Minsk, the investigators

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in young children, some of whom were still in the womb when the Chemobyl accident occurred.

Because there have been previous unsubstantiated reports of cancers in people living downwind of the Chernobyl plant, the World scientists to Minsk to verify the reports. In an accompanying letter in Nature, they confirmed Dr. Ka-

The WHO group wrote: "We believe that the experience in Belarus suggests that the consequences to the human thyroid, especially in fetuses and young children, of the carcinogenic effects of radioactive fallout are much greater than previously thought."

Dr. Keith Baverstock of WHO said he and a team of four other experts had examined some of the children and scrutinized micro-scopic slides of cancerous tissue from all the children diagnosed

with thyroid cancer. "It was very clear that this is a real situation," he said, adding that there "doesn't seem to be anged doubt" about the diagnosis.

The Chemobyl accident thrust tons of radioactive particles into the air, about 80 percent of them short-lived isotopes of iodine. Most of the radioactive iodine that people ingested came from cows' milk. When people drank this milk, the iodine concentrated in the thyroid gland, at the base of the throat.

# Court Removes An Obstacle to Honecker Trial

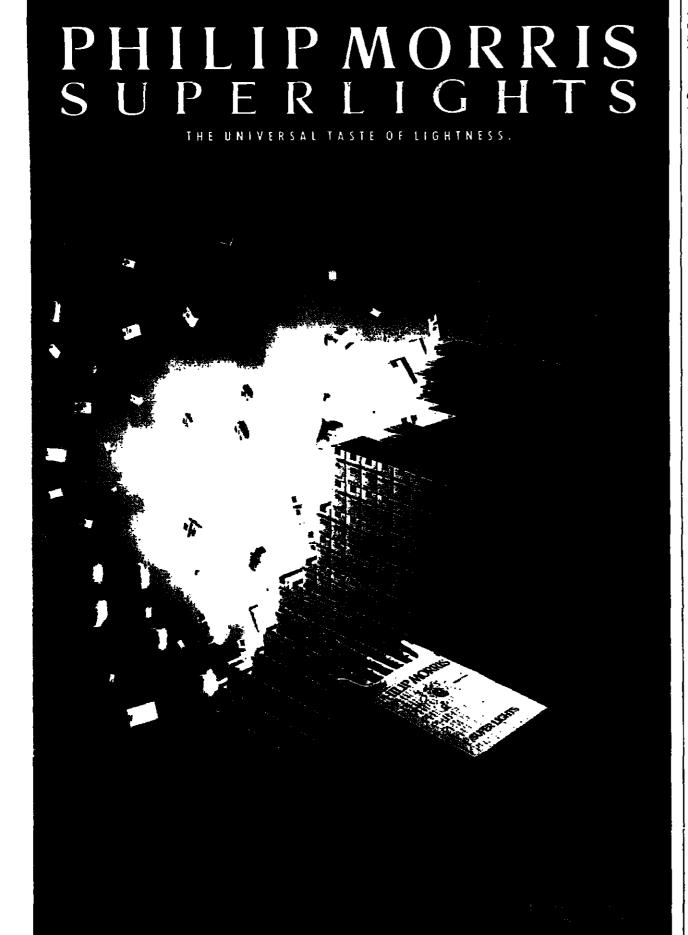
Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatch BERLIN - A Berlin court on Thursday ordered the former East German leader, Erich Honecker, 10 remain in prison, removing a mage: obstacle to his trial.

Mr. Honecker faces 49 charges of manslaughter for having alleged-ly ordered East German border. guards to shoot people trying to flee to the West. Prosecutors had, said a trial could start this fall.

The defense team said that the 80-year-old former Communist leader was too sick with liver cancer to stay behind bars, but the Berlin District Court rejected their request to free him pending the trial

A defense attorney, Nicolas. Becker, said there would be more medical tests in October. He claimed that public pressure had. forced the court into going forward with a trial "in a race against Hon." ecker's death."

Mr. Honecker's liver cancer is incurable, according to Friedrich Wolff, another defense attorney. He has said that a trial was "out of. the question" because the proceedings could last up to two years.



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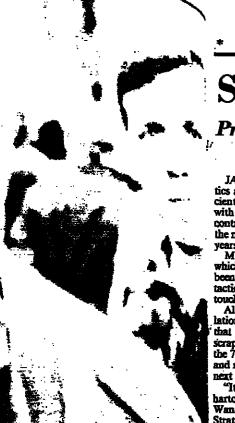
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# Suharto Shadow Play Goes On

President Is Expected to Run, and Win, Again Next Year

By Philip Shenon

New York Times Service
JAKARTA — Indonesian politics are often compared to the ancient wayang shadow puppetry, with the role of the mysterious, allcontrolling puppeteer assigned to the nation's leader of more than 25

years, President Subarto.
Mr. Subarto's performance, which even his critics concede has been that of a masterful political tactician gifted with the common touch, seems likely to go on.
Although there had been speculation and some wishful thinking

that he would step down, every scrap of evidence now suggests that the 71-year-old president will seek, and receive, another five-year term

"It's taken for granted that Suharto will run again," said Jusuf Wanandi of Jakarta's Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Everyone knows he will run. It's not a question."

This week, Mr. Subarto assumes the chairmanship of the 108-nation Nonaligned Movement, which is holding a summit meeting in Jakar-ta. Suharto sides suggest that he would not have accepted the Non-aligned post if he intended to step aligned post if he interaces to step down as Indonesian president next year, when a constituent assembly almost entirely of Subarto support-

ers selects the president.
Mr. Suharto's re-election would mean continuity in a nation that was near collapse when he came to power in 1965 as the general who put down a botched coup against then-President Sukarno that was blamed on the Communists.

Mr. Suharto is credited with progressive economic programs that,

bolstered by Indonesia's multi-Mr. Suharto's intention to seek an-billion-dollar annual revenues other term is his campaign to court

ever fragment along the lines of a Yugoslavia, but that comparison is sometimes made," said a senior Western diplomat in Jakarta, requesting anonymity. "There are regions of the country that want to break away and are willing to shed blood to do it. Without a strong successor to Suharto, many un-pleasant options are possible."

### A Third Suicide In Italian Scandal

BRESCIA, Italy — A Socialist member of parliament under inves-tigation in a bribery scandal has killed himself, the police said

Socialist leader, became the third snicide directly linked to the scanlal, which has rocked the political stablishment. A former party secfrom oil production, have without doubt improved the lives of most

Although the average income is still only about \$600 a year, the economy is growing at an annual rate of more than 6 percent, and international financial organizations credit Indonesia with having done more to help its poorest citizens than most other developing countries. Once the world's largest rice importer, Indonesia is now self-sufficient in rice, the dietary staple, and its population growth has been curbed sharply.

At the same time, another Su-harto term could mean further delays in making significant progress toward improving Indonesia's checkered human rights record or in opening up an authoritarian po-

Business leaders are also con-cerned that the president's re-election will permit his six children to tighten their control over large segments of the economy. And diplomats worry that Mr. Suharto's return to office would only prolong the debate over what is to become of Indonesia when the Suharto era

"I don't think Indonesia could

### Perhaps the clearest evidence of

retary in the Lombardy region in the north, Mr. Moroni, 45, was found dead in the basement of his house with a gunshot wound to the

He had been served with three The politician, Sergio Moroni, a notices that he was under investigations associate of Bettino Craxi, the tion in an affair that has led to the arrests of more than 70 businessmen and politicians accused of colluding to rig public-works con-



NONALIGNED ALIGNMENT - Prince Norodom Sibanouk, the Cambodian leader, being embraced Thursday by Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, after speaking at the summit conference of the Nonaligned Movement. Later, Prince Sihanouk urged that the United Nations peace plan for Cambodian go forward with or without the Khmer Rouge, who have blocked it by refusing to disarm.

# At Least 450 Die **As Mud Engulfs Afghan Region**

KABUL - Torrents of mud and boulders swept down two river valleys in the Afghan Hindu Kush mountains Thursday, killing at least 450 people, government and relief officials said.

At least 500 people are missing following the flash floods. Officials said the death toll could reach 3.000.

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The wave of mud and rocks, up to 9 meters (about 30 feet) thick, buried hundreds of houses, according to a British aid organization, Halo Trust.

An Afghan Defense Ministry man said 50 bodies had been found

With the floods striking at 3 A.M., most people were swept away or trapped in the mud," the Halo Trust said. The organization is helping to clear mines in the area left over from Afghanistan's 14year civil war.

In two small areas reached by the

group, 450 people had been killed and 500 were missing.

Some villages lost as many as 200 houses. Many of them had been rebuilt recently by refugees return-ing after the Communist government fell to a coalition of mujahidin forces in April. In the town of Gulbahar, 75 kilo-

meters (45 miles) north of Kabul, at the junction of the Panjsher and Shutul rivers, the floods broke into the bazaar, sweeping away 10 buses carrying passengers and destroying rows of shops and the only bridge, the Haio Trust said.

Mud and boulders rushed 30 kilometers down the rivers, engulfing orchards and houses and leaving one to two meters (three to six feet) of debris along valley floors, the aid group said.

More than 1.000 homes may have been destroyed and countless hectares of crops and kilometers of vital irrigation canals were destroyed or choked with mud.

■ Pressure on Chamorro Shirley Christian of The New York Times reported from Mana-

MANAGUA — A natural disaster has added to the pressures facing President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro of Nicaragua as she struggles to deal with demands from Washington that she rid her government of the influence of the

opposition Sandinistas. After giant waves set off by an earthquake lashed most of Nicaragua's Pacific coast, killing at least 40 people, Mrs. Chamorro's frustrations seemed to come to a boil. On the radio Wednesday, she pleaded for the United States to

restore its financial aid, calling for an end "to problems and restraints" by "those who have had a commitment to our people." The huge waves, called tsunami and popularly known as tidal waves, were set off by an earth-

quake in the Pacific. The damage was confined to an area several hundred yards wide along several hundred kilometers

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# Book by Rajiv's Widow Evokes Gandhi Mystique

the president's re-election.

The support of the clerics has helped blunt sniping at the president from within the ranks of the

Indonesian military. Although Mr.

Suharto is a product of the army, many in its senior ranks want him

to step aside to make way for a new

generation of leaders, including

some from the uniformed service.

By Sanjoy Hazarika

New York Times Service

NEW DELHI — Sonia Gandhi, the Italian-born widow of Rajiv Gandhi, has swept aside the enigmatic veil and stoic silence with which she has long guarded her private life with a bittersweet account of life at the heart of one of the world's

Her reflections are in a book, "Rajiv," filled with pictures of the Gandhi family. It has drawn widespread praise and criti-cism from Indians, including friends of her late husband, thrusting back into public view a woman whose loathing for Indian politics is well known.

most influential political dynasties.

The book has again renewed the longtime fascination of many Indians for the dynasty that has ruled India for most of its years since independence in 1947. What makes it unusual is Mrs. Gandhi's uncharacteristically caustic attack on an earlier government for failing to protect her husband — then leader of the opposition — at

the time of his assassination in May 1991. Mrs. Gandhi's critical remarks come at a time when the assassination has again been in the news. In a tightly guarded courtroom in southern India, the trial of some of those accused of plotting her husband's death has begun. The government also has appointed two special judicial commissions to investigate the assassina-

Mr. Gandhi was the son of Indira Gandhi, who dominated Indian politics for more than 20 years until she was assassinated in 1984. She, in turn, was the daughter of India's founding prime minister and revered independence leader, Jawaharlal

Since the killing of Mr. Gandhi nearly 16 mouths ago, India has gone through the first period in its history without a member of the Nehru dynasty in the leadership or in the wings of the powerful Congress

Although Mr. Gandhi is widely seen to

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have faltered when he was prime minister from 1984 to 1989, many Indians continue to be intrigued by the story of how he went from a career as a commercial pilot into politics after the death of his ambitious younger brother in a plane crash, then after his mother's assassination.

Rajiv and Sonia Gandhi, then Sonia Maino from a town near Turin, met as students at Cambridge University in 1965 and married three years later. Mrs. Gandhi became an Indian citizen, wore Indian dress and generally remained in the background during her husband's career. Now she lives in Delhi with her daughter, Priyanka, in a large, heavily guarded bun-galow. Her son, Rahul, is sophomore at Harvard.

Mr. Gandhi was killed while camp ing in the southern state of Tamil Nadu. vestigators later said that a Tamil woman from Sri Lanka who was a member of a secessionist group in that country detonated explosives strapped around her waist as

"Effective security could only have been provided by a force of specially trained men, such as was available in the Special Protection Group' guarding Rajiv," said Mrs. Gandhi, referring to a group created after the killing of Indira Gandhi by Sikh guards in 1984. "The new government was well aware of this," she said. "Yet it withdrew Rajiv's

she garlanded Mr. Gandhi with flowers.

specialized security cover and replaced it with a force not trained for this specific She writes that although he was on the

death list of more than a dozen terrorist groups, including Sikhs and Tamils, he was often protected by only one security official. Mrs. Gandhi's book has been published

in India by Viking and costs about \$50, about one-fifth of India's per capita annual income. A Viking spokesman in New York said there were no plans to bring the book out in the United States.

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# Sounds Of Mix **Masters**

**Updating Music** As Styles Change

By Rob Tannenbaum

EW YORK - At 6 o'clock one night last month, in a midtown Manhattan recording stadio that adjoins a seedy topless club, Frankie Knuckies crased everything except the vo-cals and string section from "Build," a ballad by the British pop group Innocence.
Peter Schwartz, a keyboardist, booted up a

network of synthesizers, samplers and sequencers, all linked to an Atari lap-top computer, and, guided by a "shopping list" from Knuckles, began to reconstruct the song. He progressed from a persistent kick drum and staccato bass line to cymbal crescendos, cathedrallike chimes and a profusion of lush percussion.

By midnight he had orchestrated "Build" into a fireworks show, with new colors and small explosions every it w seconds.

"Real exotic," says Knuckles, a beefy 37year-old with a gap-toothed smile and a neck-lace of bright metal freedom rings. "It's layered very nice." Although he hadn't touched an instrument, he may have transformed coal into

For someone who neither plays nor sings, he has an unusual position in the business. Unfamiliar to most American record buyers, Knuckles is considered an innovator by dance-music cognoscenti and a last hope by record moguls,

who pay well for his expertise.

"Remixers can salvage records," explains
Leslie Doyle, national director of dance music at Elektra Records. For just a few thousand dollars — pocket change, considering the half-million-dollar budget of a standard album these audio auteurs refashion records to match changing styles.

UCCESS has made the practice ram-pant; one executive estimates that half the singles on the Top 100 chart are remixed. The term has even become synonymous with improving a flawed artistic product: "The main thing is to remix," Tina Brown said after being named editor of The New Yorker.

if you hear Michael Jackson's new single, "Jam," on the radio or at a club, it may sound wildly different from the track on his "Dangerous" album; there are two dozen incarnations of "Jam," created by seven remixers.

"We could give one version to everybody," says Michael Caplan, vice president of artists and repertory at Epic Records, Jackson's label. "But we live in such a specialized time, and such a fragmented radio world, that what we're doing is super-serving our clientele."

So club disk jockeys can spin a hip remix in

the frantic, astringent electronic style known as techno, while radio programmers fearful of



irritating older listeners can choose a version that excises Heavy D.'s raps.

There are other reasons to commission remixes. Jackson's album was released nine months ago, a lifetime in the mutable world of dance music. "When I take a vacation and come back, I'm lost for two weeks," says Larry Flick, dance-music editor of Billboard. "That's how

quickly it changes."

Remixes update the music, an essential advantage since the marketing life of albums has been extended to two years. And for a blockbuster song played repeatedly on radio, remixes can slow "burnout," the point at which an omnipresent hit record begins to grate on lis-

Even such stalwart rockers as U2 and Bruce Springsteen have issued remixes, for "Even Better Than the Real Thing" and "57 Channels (and Nothin' On)," respectively. Their goal is not to woo hard-core dance fans, but to counteract their own images as stodgy traditional-

Because a history of dance music has yet to be written, there's wide dispute over the origin of remixing, and many conflicting claims of invention. But the first remixes, during the disco monopoly of the late '70s, were far different from today's. Dance-club DJs were hired to extend songs to longer mixes and instructed not to tamper with the music. "It was a triumph when you could add a conga," Larry Flick

Then Madonna, the most statistically significant artist of the '80s, carried dance music out of the underground and into the mainstream. A cadre of remixers - mostly black or Latino, often gay — came to dominate the field, and dance-oriented acts released entire albums of remixes. Soon the job title was a misnomer. Remixers were also rearranging, rewriting and

■ In snack-food parlance, it is called "out-of-bag snackability." Tortilla chips, it would seem, don't have it. Too thick. Too many munchers left hankering for a bowl of salsa after a mouthful. So, hoping that thinner is better, Frito-Lay Inc. came up with an idea: a thin version of its Doritos chips that it hopes snackers will gobble up like potato chips. Not to worry, dip lovers, says Frito-Lay's vice president for marketing, Steve Liguori. "You're probably not going to be able to get the mother of all saisa piles on them," he

said. "So we're going to keep the

dippers." And if you think this is a trivial

matter, Frito-Lay hopes to sell \$100 million in Tortilla Thins in the first year.

Some careers progressed quickly. David Cole, a former church organist, and Robert Clivilles, a club DJ, were known for their dramatic overhaulings. Upgraded to producers, they created hit singles for the female group Seduction.

Next, Columbia Records invited Cole and Clivilles to invent a band. Fronted by a statusque female singer and an even better-built male rapper, C and C Music Factory sold more than three million copies of "Gonna Make You Sweat" and proved that remixers knew how to do more than one thing.

Since then, remixers have increasingly been hired to produce rather than just make over. "Why pay a producer, then have to pay a remixer?" Doyle asks.

Shep Pettibone, for one, remixed Madonna and earned a promotion to co-writer and coproducer. "I liked how Shep transformed my songs," Madonna says. "I always liked his remixes better than the originals.

Their first two collaborations - the house pop anthem "Vogue" and the recent ballad "This Used to Be My Playground" — went to No. 1 and transformed Pettibone's career. He has since forsaken remixing and has worked with Madonna on much of the album "Erotica," which is scheduled for October release.

Dance music defines the sound of contempo rary pop, and to score a hit, says Craig Kall-man, a vice president of Atlantic Records, "you

need the sound of the moment." As the head of Rig Beat Records, an independent label he founded and runs, Kallman hired Steve (Silk) Hurley to remix "Got a Love for You" by Journada in 1991.

"He completely turned the song around," Kallman says, adding that Big Beat sold 300,000 copies of the record. It reached 40 on the U.S. pop chart, an impressive return on an investment of less than \$10,000, which was

INCE then, Hurley's price has risen. Insiders are reluctant to discuss remix fees, but a few spoke anonymously of a multitiered hierarchy. At the top, making \$30,000 for the two or three days needed to do a remix, are Cole and Chvilles; next, at around \$15,000, are Knuckles, Hurley, David Morales, Louie Vega and Kenny Gonzalez (a team), and in England, C. J. Mackintosh and Nellee Hooper. Remixers still on the rise, like Roger S. (who did many of Michael Jackson's "Jam" mixes), command \$8,000, and a neo-phyte DJ, engineer or keyboardist can be hired for \$3,000.

After expenses, including studio time, a remixer can usually bank 50 percent to 70 percent

Rob Tannenbaum, who covers music for Rolling Stone, GQ and The Village Voice, wrote this for The New York Times.

# German Idealist's Quest

# Syberberg Films: At Edinburgh

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

DINBURGH - From the mid-1970s to the early 1980s, Hans Jürgen Syberberg captured the imagination of a devoted cult of film enthusiasts. In his hours-long Teutonic fantasies, he combined cinematic aesthetics unseen since the silent era with live actors, props, projections, puppet theater and sound fragments, all bound into a dreamlike flow that justified his ultra-Wagnerian credo,

"Film as the music of the future But for the last decade, as far as Syberberg's admirers could tell, the director had fallen off the edge of the earth, his work almost impossible to see. That made this summer's Edinburgh
Festival, which offered a retrospective of his major films and two performances of his latest

stage piece, of special interest.

Syberberg has not been inactive. But a combination of artistic and personal choices and political protest have cut off his access to a larger public. Although he made the choices and inspired the protest, he sees himself as a lonely martyr, a victim of a superficial and philistine consumer culture. And the main source of the hostility against him is, as it was for his ultra-Germanic forebear, Richard Wagner, Germany itself. Syberberg's entire artistic life has been devoted to celebrating German culture and reclaiming its lost purity.

In 1982 came the film that achieved the

widest distribution of all of his works, his version of Wagner's opera "Parsifal." Some of the actors were the actual singers of their roles, but others were not, chief among them the actress Edith Clever, lip-synching to Yvonne Minton's voice as Kundry. "Parsifal" was the beginning of Syberberg's artistic marriage with Clever and his withdrawal from the world.

Their work together has consisted of a series of dramatic monologues, first staged in theaters, and then filmed or videotaped. The series began in 1985 with the six-hour "Die Nacht" ("The Night"), an obsessional concentration on pretty mother than the property of the pr much anything one might do alone or think about in the depths of night, if one were German.

The final installment in the monologue cycle

was called "Fin Tranm, Was Soust?" ("A Dream, What Else?"), first seen in Berlin in 1990, revived in Edinburgh for two nights in August, and then-scheduled for Moscow in October and perhaps London in November.

Clever plays Sybille von Bismarck, the Iron-Chancellor's widowed daughter-in-law, aged and alone on her estate in East Prussia at the end of : World War II. She wanders among the shards of her life, intoning her monologues, as radio snip-pets of Hitler's harangnes and Allied air attacks compete with a Wilhelm Furtwangler perfor-

mance of Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony.

Both Clever and Syberberg said they think the monologues have run their course. Neither ows what to do next, yet ne go of the other. One problem is money. Eight possible sponsors have declined to underwrite a film version of "Ein Traum, Was Sonst?" Syberberg refuses to distribute or even promote his work. "Money is the center of things today, and I protest against that," he said in May.

UT there are other reasons for his fund-raising difficulties. Syberberg has written three books about Germen with the books are the books about Germen with the books abou man culture, and the latest, "On the Misfortune and Fortune of Art in Germany Since the Last War" (1991), has provoked bitter attacks in Germany.

The problem is anti-Semitism. Syberberg insists that he is not anti-Semitic and, despite his own fascination with Nazism, that Hitler corrupted the true German ideal. Yet his book contains such charged phrases as contemporary Western culture's being an "unholy alliance of a Jewish leftist aesthetic" and "whoever goes along with the Jews or the leftists can make a career." Born in 1935 in East Prussia, Syberberg gravitated to East Berlin, where he studied with

Brecht, and to West Germany in 1953. Rather than a Nazi he is an aristocratic. Romantic German idealist and aesthete who longs for his lost childhood on his father's estate. For him, Western democracies constitute a trivial vulgarization of the German mission before

Up to a point, Syberberg seems to enjoy his isolation, his self-image as a prophet who proclaims truths society has tabooed. "I feel like a Soviet dissident before Gorbachev," he said. "I have the freedom to do nothing." Not exactly nothing: he sits in his Munich garden typing pages of his autobiography, which he then puts in a trunk to await a more favorable age.

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In the infinitely vengeful world of Stephen King, a snake hirks under every rock, and that's only if you're lucky. If you ven-"Keep Out," far worse things are likely to pop up. In "Pet Sematary Two," the sequel to the successful 1989 horror film adapted by King from his best-selling novel, "Pet Sematary," those nearly indestructible pests are the corpses of dead animals and people interred in an ancient Indian burial ground. The sequel tells the story of Chase Matthews (Anthony Edwards), a Los Angeles vet-erinarian, and his 13-year-old son Jeff (Edward Furlong), who move back to his mother's hometown of Ludlow, Maine, after a family tragedy. In the movie's opening sequence, Jeff witnesses the hideous accidental electrocution of his beloved actress-mother Renée (Dar-

lanne Fluegel) while she is mak-

ing a horror film. At the local junior high school, Jeff be-friends a chubby classmate, Drew (Jason McGuire), whose sadistic stepfather Gus (Clancy Brown) is the local sheriff. Gus also happens to have been Ren-ee's high school boyfriend. The chain of horror begins when Gus shoots his stepson's pet dog, Zowie, and the two boys bury the corpse in the cemetery. Mary Lambert, who directed the original "Pet Sematary," has returned for the sequel, which, like its forerunner, is much better at special effects than at creating characters or telling a coherent story.

(Stephen Holden, NYT)

Mistress Directed by Barry Primus.

There are no "players" in the "Mistress," nobody does lunch at Spago, nobody clinches a deal by car phone. No, the latest Hollywood confidential is

self-absorbed focus of this wry tragicomedy, as a filmmaker who hasn't lived up to his early promise and is about to take a teaching job back East when a broken-down producer (Martin Landau) takes a sudden interest in a languishing script, called "The Darkness and the Light." It becomes the story of a sexually obsessed photographer at the insistence of a backer played by "Mistress's" own producer, Robert De Niro. A former tennis pro turned entrepreneur, De Niro is easily the savviest character in the film, but he can be manipulated by his mistress (Sheryl Lee Ralph), who de-mands the leading role in Wubl's movie. Landau and Wuhl give especially heartfelt performances under the obviously sympathetic direction of Barry Primus, who based the story on his own attempts to finance a project.

(Rita Kempley, WP)

beens and not-quites who nour-ish their grand delusions at Denny's. Robert Wuhl is the Honeymoon in Vegas Directed by Andrew Bergman U.S.

You can have your Mei Gibsons, your Tom Cruises and your Luke Perrys. For my mon-ey, Nicolas Cage is the epitome of amorous obsession. In his latest laugh-out-loud valentine, "Honeymoon in Vegas," he breaks a promise to his dying mother never to marry. In this wacky but eminently watchable kitsch-mobile, Cage, as Jack Singer, finds it hard to do the boy thing - make a commitment — to the woman he loves, Betsy (Sarah Jessica Parker). Sensing that he is about to lose Betsy, he gives in to her wishes to wed. He suggests they fly to the quickie marriage capital, where they can do the deed in under an hour. Still, once there he continues to delay. As fate would have it, a shiny-suited wise guy named Tommy Korman (James Caan) notices Betsy, the image of his late wife and, plots to borrow her from Jack. "Honeymoon in Vegas" is

a Bally high, a hectic riot that tickles like those tiny bubbles Don Ho is always singing about. Or as the King might say if he hadn't left for the big casi-no in the sky: "Viva!" (Rita Kempley, WP)



Tuesday Knight (left) and Jean Smart in Barry Primus's new movie, "Mistress," a Hollywood confidential about the low rollers, the has-beens and not-quites.

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toward her colleague, Stacy Beecher, 24.
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playsround trying to see here, for the or connony grins impisity, like a name grif on playground trying to see just how far she can go. Her punch is tentative, soft, halting.

"Jab! Jab!" Canarozzi yells.

Connolly exhales into two quick left jabs.

She purses her lips and breathes faster.
It's 6:45 P. M. at the Institute for Fitness, a tiny private gym in the Wall Street area where Canarozzi is the boxing coach. Four other pairs of professional women have also traded success-dress for cotton shorts and T-shirts. Their hands have been wrapped in strips of protective cotton, their flawless

manicures tucked into red Everlast boving

gloves. They're suited up for the latest rage on the fitness frontier: aerobic boxing. Since the mid-1980s, when Ivy League-educated Wall Streeters started sliding into sweaty gyms to punch bags, jump rope and, eventually, face off in rings, A. J. Leibling's "sweet science" has been popping up more and more in the popular consciousness. There was Mickey Rourke, then "Diggstown." Last month, Allure magazine pictured the extraction of the contraction tured the actress and model Carre Otis sparring in a gym. Dan Golomb, chairman of the Everlast Sports Manufacturing Co., noticed a sudden surge in the sale of small-size boxer shorts. ("The ones the women typically buy," he said.) Aerobics studios across the

United States began offering boxing classes. "Our clients wanted more than aerobic dance," said Nicole Chevance, the manager of the Jeff Martin Studio on the Upper West Side. "The response to the first classes this

summer was amazing. And it was all women."

A typical boxing workout begins with 15 minutes on the Stairmaster, followed by five 3-minute rounds of fast-paced jump rope. Next comes 10 minutes of punching, first a heavy bag, and then a smaller speed bag, followed by 15 minutes of drills in steps, ducks and punches. After that, the would-be boxer faces a partner holding "focus pads" cushions meant to absorb punches with 1,000-pound force - and practices punching in 10 three-minute rounds. A hundred sit-ups and a three-minute round of fast-

paced shadow boxing end the session. Lilly Rivera, a personal trainer at the private gym of a Wall Street investment firm who began boxing two months ago, estimates that the workout burns 600 to 800 calories, more than most aerobics classes that last as long, and offers better-rounded training. In addition to upper- and lower-body development, she said, boxing teaches coordination, quick reflexes and againty.

The fascination of pugifism for women is already moving beyond the tidy, mirrored confines of aerobics studios. Women are beginning to enter the ring at Gleason's Gym, the Brooklyn boxing center where pro-

"There's been a tremendous increase in women, mostly the lawyer and MBA types," said Ira Becker, an owner of the gym. "But we trained Twyla Tharp and more actresses than I can name. Initially, they see the value in terms of fitness, but eventually it goes deeper. Eventually they want to spar." When the first punches connect with the

body of another, they make a thunk. The sound of a woman landing a punch is the sound of a shattered taboo. Canarozzi, a former middleweight, trains women at the Institute for Fitness as well as

at Gleason's, After the first 30 minutes of his workouts, the women are sweat-drenched,

"Duck to the right! Duck to the left! Jab, jab! Right! Duck to the right! Duck to the left! Left hook! Right! Right!"

Connolly's impish grin tightens. She bends, sways and slams into the focus pads that Beecher is holding. Each punch comes with the kind of gasping grunt that Gestalt therapists dream of. Her teeth are bared. She

punches again and again. She punches until Canarozzi yells, "Stop!" Later, Connolly called boxing a stress renothing else matters," she said. "Afterwards, I feel totally clear and calm."

Other women who have entered the ring agree. "It takes intense concentration and precision, a combination of physical and psychic energy," said Wendy G. Finch, 33, director of sales for Chanel Fragrances Exclusive in Manhattan, who boxes three times a week at Gleason's. "When I leave here, I am clear self confident and pacceful."

am clear, self-confident and peaceful."

Women who box symbolize an affluent economy, the blurring of sexual distinctions, a continuing power struggle and, perhaps as much as anything else, a need for utility and

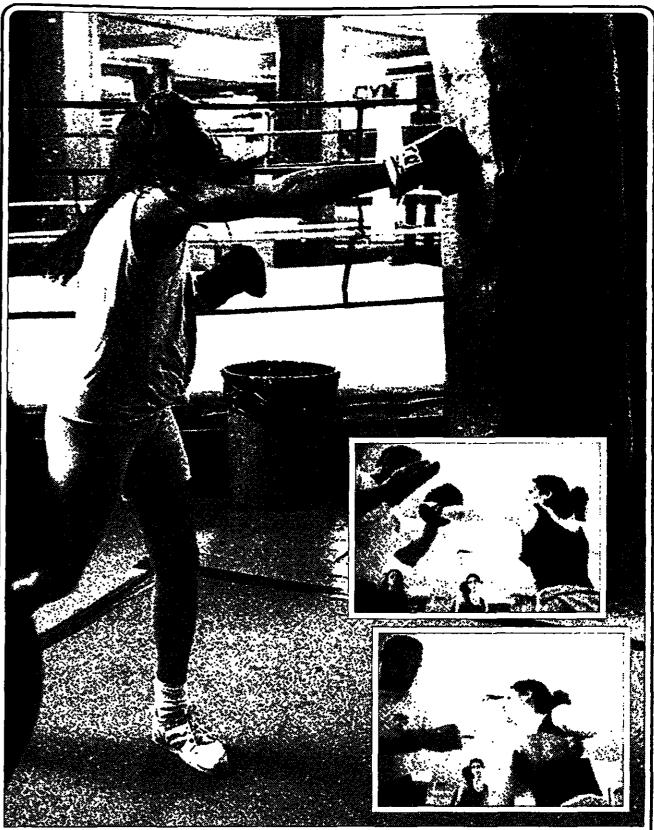
In her 1987 essay "On Boxing," Joyce Carol Oates wrote that since gladiatorial times in Rome, the fascination with boxing has been at its highest in the wealthier, more advanced societies. In the decadent era of Nero, women boxed publicly. In the essay, Oates wondered whether an effete and indulgent prosperity didn't engender a need for the outward signs and gestures of 'savage-

Watching women, I kept seeing the same smile. It appeared after the aerobics, after the punching, when the women got inside the coach's focus pads and ran, flailing, into his chest. Canarozzi conceded that all the several dozen women he trains "have a lot of anger toward men."

UT the smile I saw repeatedly wasn't that of the victim; it was the smile of the reassured. "How often do you come up against a real guy like this anymore?" asked Teri Giorgi, a hair stylist who had just "boxed into" Canarozzi, getting inside the pads to his chest.

The exercise seemed to solidify the shift in

distinctions between the sexes. "Some of the guys I work with can't believe I go to boxing classes," said Judy Salvatore, an administrative manager on a securities trading desk who boxed with bangles of drop pearl ear-rings from both lobes. "I say, it's 1992. Wake up. If some weirdo comes after me on the subway, I'll deck him. It's 1992. I can take



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A boxing enthusiast works out on the heavy bag, while another (insets) punches focus pads held by Tony Canarozzi, boxing coach at Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn. They represent the newest fad on the fitness scene — aerobic boxing.

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# Stretching the Shrinking Dollar

By Roger Collis International Herald Tribune

ELCOME to Europe. You don't need much of an excuse this autumn to build a vacation on the back of a business trip (or vice versa) and gather strength for the budget meeting. Think of all the empty airline seats and hotel rooms.

"What's bad for the industry has to be good for the customer," says William Davis, chairman of the British Tourist Authority. "Recessions do have another side; they make people more competitive and prices come the States in October on how Britam is affordable. The big change this year is price consciousness and trading down, Americans

State-of-the-art travel is knowing how to cut corners in style. It might be taking off for veekend in the middle of a business trip at

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little extra cost; getting an upgrade to first class; enjoying a free stopover package in a European capital city, or avoiding the Saturlay-night nonsense on an APEX/PEX tick-

et. It never hurts to drive a bargain. What counts is thorough preparation and ittention to detail. Here is some advice about how to stretch travel dollars.

Traveling from the United States, choose he airline which serves the European gatevay most convenient to you at the best price. his is not quite as simple as it sounds. If ingland is your destination, you might find t cheaper, and more civilized to transit at 'aris, Copenhagen or Amsterdam for conections to Loudon (choice of Heathrow, Jatwick, Stansted), plus a half-dozen proincial cities. You can, of course, fly direct rom an equal number of cities in North merica. But if you're flying on a full-fare cket, you may want to "maximize" mileage — a device that enables you to visit more laces at little extra cost. Flying, say, New ork-Athens, you could stop in Paris and openhagen, for about \$50 more than the lew York-London fare.

While you should have no difficulty findg a cut-price fare in the back of the plane, scounts for business class are seldom more an 10 percent (except for carriers from veloping countries, such as Air India and ikistan Airlines from New York to Lonm). The premium you pay for business ass over economy varies widely between teway airports. Flying to London, for exaple, you will pay as much as 85 percent are than the full economy fare; 60 percent Milan, and 30 percent to Amsterdam. One ly to beat this is to get your agent to write a

"fictitious point," or "hidden city," ticket with a coupon for a bogus onward connection. Flying to London from New York you can save \$1,000 off the round-trip business class fare by showing Amsterdam as your

Possibly the best value in business class on the North Atlantic is Virgin's Upper Class comparable to first class on other carriers for which you get a free economy ticket. If you're prepared to make a stop in Reykjavik, Icelandair to London will save you about \$1,000 in business class on the normal round-trip fare.

Look for airline promotions - which usucome as two-for-one offers, and upgrades from full economy to business, and business to first class. Alitalia's Europhis program allows trans-Atlantic passengers to buy a minimum of two one-way flight coupons, at \$129 each, for onward travel to other parts of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Thus you can save about \$700 on a round-trip from Rome to Athens in

A good way to combine economy with a degree of flexibility is to buy an open-jaw APEX ticket, in which you fly to one gateway and return from another. Let's say you want to fly from Los Angeles to London and back from Rome. First buy an APEX ticket that permits this. Then for the leg between London and Rome, buy an APEX roundtrip ticket (this is cheaper than the one-way fare; you can give the return ticket to a friend or just throw it away).

Consider combining a trip to Europe and Asia/Australia by buying a round-the-world ticket, which can save you up to 40 percent on the full economy, business or first class fare. A typical routing from the United States might take you first to Europe (with as many stopovers as you want provided you don't backtrack), on to the Middle East and Far East, and to North America via the North or South Pacific. There are dozens of prices, airline combinations, and route options. There are some restrictions: you normally have to book the first leg 14 days in advance but on most tickets you can reroute for a cost of about \$50 per coupon.

Some of the most attractive airline deals come as stopover packages, either free or at marginal cost, for long-haul passengers trav-eling through their main European buls. For example, SAS offers a free 24-hour "executive stopover" in Copenhagen or Stockholm to SAS business class passengers arriving or departing on intercontinental flights. You get a first-class hotel, hunch and dinner, a buffet breakfast, sightseeing and limos to

and from the airport.

Flying first or business class with Iberia carns you its "Madrid Amigo" package: two nights free in a five-star hotel, limo transfers, flamenco dinner and sightseeing, KLM offers a similar deal in Amsterdam, and Swissair offers a discount of around 50 percent at hotels in Zurich and Geneva. Most airlines will offer you at least one free night if you fly across the Atlantic. Or else give you a hefty discount at a selection of hotels. Look too for pecial weekend rates with major hotel chains: Hilton International has an ongoing two-for-one weekend program at 26 hotels in Europe; Marriott has an attractive deal similar to airline APEX for which you must book and pay in advance; Inter-Continental offers a discount of around 50 percent if you stay Friday, Saturday or Sunday night.

AVVY travelers never pay the walk-in rate for car rentals. The best deals are those that you book in advance for rental abroad. Hertz has Europe on Wheels and Affordable Europe, Avis has Super Value and Europear has Super Drive, which have much the same prices and condi-

None of them is discountable, but you can save up to 50 percent on regular rates. Europcar's Business Drive program offers flexible one- to five-day packages, which include one way rental between a raft of cities in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France and Switzerland. But check out fly/drive packages before you decide on a car rental firm.

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Do ask for guaranteed dollar rates for hotels and car rental. And prepay as much of the trip as possible.

Don't forget that you get what you pay for. A bargain ticket is expensive if you need to change your schedule at the last minute. Some of the best airline perks (lounges, limos and stopover programs) are limited to full-fare passengers.

Fly/Drive Packages

Do look for fly/drive packages and save around 50 percent on normal rates. Look too for airline stopover packages, either free or at marginal cost.

Don't forget to reclaim value-added taxes (up to 25 percent) on business travel (hotels, meals, car rental) in Britain, Germany, Belgium and Sweden, and on

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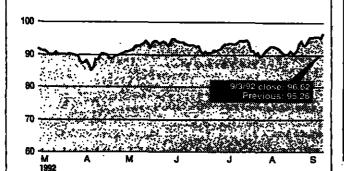
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### **WALL STREET WATCH**

### **Home Health-Care Stocks** Rose Fast but Fell Harder

By Milt Freudenheim New York Times Service

EW YORK - Profiting from pressures to get patients out of expensive hospital beds quickly, companies that provide intravenous nutrition and drugs in the home have been on a roll. Sales of these so-called homenfusion companies tripled in three years to \$3.2 billion in 1991 and nay reach \$4 billion this year, analysts said.

But when health-care stocks began slipping early this year, some righ-flying home-infusion stocks were hit even harder. Many invesors who thought the economy would pick up this year switched rom health care to cyclical stocks like antos and chemicals.

Companies like Baxter Inter-

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Baxter, a diversified hospital supply company, plans to spin off aremark later this year as a separate entity that will be listed on te New York Stock Exchange.

Caremark, with about \$775 million in 1991 home-infusion and lated sales, dominates a market served by 10 medium-sized mpanies and dozens of small partnerships. Baxter, which has en selling at 18 times 1991 earnings, hopes to push Caremark into e home-infusion league, where Critical Care America shares ared to 30 times earnings.

Critical Care, which has about 8 percent of the infusion market, unged to a recent low of \$33.875 from a high of \$63.75 in January. was up 25 cents in late trading Thursday, at \$38.25, on the New ork Stock Exchange.

The company, based in Westboro, Massachusetts, took extra mps when Massachusetts Blue Cross and Blue Shield chose loweriding competitors (including Caremark) to serve patients with ditional insurance. Critical Care shares dipped again on the news it it planned to merge with Medical Care International, a chain of

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# **Bush Considers Break** For Investment Gains

WASHINGTON - The White House said Thursday that President George Bush was considering ordering the Treasury Department to index capital gains for inflation, bypassing Congress and providing a major tax break for investors.

Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, said the issue was "on the front burner." But he said, "There's no decision on it, and there's no timetable on it."

Mr. Bush is awaiting legal advice from Attorney General William P. Barr and others before deciding on the move, which some conservatives have urged upon him. Some top administration officials have said previously that they believed Mr. Bush lacked the authority to do it. "We've been looking at this for a long time," Mr. Fitzwater said.

"There has been a very real question about legality and about its benefits and about the impact on the economy."

If capital gains were indexed, people would be taxed only on the profit after inflation was taken into account.

Mr. Bush has long sought a cut in the capital gains tax to spur economic growth, but Congress has refused to go along. An execueconomic growin, but Congress has reducing the tax for many investors, without congressional approval.

(AP, Reuters, AFX)

# U.K. Borrowing Plan Aids Pound

LONDON - Britain announced a surprise tactic on Thursday to prop up its alling pound, a plan to borrow the equivalent of 10 billion European Currency Units (\$14.58 billion) and use the loans to buy sterling on foreign-exchange markets.

The plan gave a sharp boost to the pound. It also benefited the dollar by depressing other European currencies, especially the Deutsche mark, which is to account for about half the borrowings. The dollar drew additional strength from a report that the Group of Seven industrial countries agreed to limit the mark's strength against the U.S. currency.

The pound rose to 2.7942 DM in London from 2.7860 on Wednesday, and the dollar gained to 1.4130 DM from 1.3905. The pound slipped to \$1.9815 from \$2.0030.

"The U.K. news definitely moved the market to student appearabled to secondary appearable to the s

has left everyone very nervous," said Edward Flack, chief currency trader at BHF Bank.

"Given the likelihood that we're going to see more of these wild fluctuations over the coming of the complete wild fluctuations over the complete wild fluctuations ov

as traders scrambled to get out of marks. This

month, the best policy is probably to keep a low profile and open mind," said Mr. Flack. For Thursday, however, the move cheered British markets. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index ended 68.9 points higher, at 2,381.9 — the biggest one-day gain since the Conservative Party election victory in April. The plan to borrow Ecns was seen as heading

off pressure either for a pound devaluation or a rise in interest rates should sterling plunge following a "no" vote in the French referendum on European Community economic and mone-tary union, set for Sept. 20.

This is an extremely clever move, clearly designed to support sterling and fund the pub-

lic-sector borrowing requirement at the same time," said Brian Hilliard, economist at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull. The Treasury forecasts the public-sector borrowing requirement, or government deficit, will be £28 billion, or some \$56 billion, in the financial year ending March 1993.

The Treasury said the move underlined Brit-

the European Monetary System, where sterling has been sliding toward the lowest permissible values against other EC currencies.

"The arrangements demonstrate once again the government's clear determination and ability to maintaining sterling's position in the ERM at the existing central rate regardless of the outcome of the French referendum on the Maastricht treaty," said Norman Lamont, chancellor of the Exchequer.

Until now, Britain has been intervening heavily in the foreign-exchange market to support the pound. The government is loath to raise already-high interest rates while the British economy remains weak. One reason for the pound's weakness is doubt about the outlook for EC monetary union; if French voters reject it, investors will turn to the stability of the mark and away from weaker currencies.

"They have raised the stakes of the game substantially," said Jack Adkins, a currency market analyst at Refco Ltd. in Chicago. "They've made a strong enough gesture here

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EC to Check U.S. Plan

On Grain Subsidy Rise

BRUSSELS - The European Community on Thursday criticized

a U.S. plan to increase subsidized wheat exports and said it would

The White House offered 30 million tons of subsidized wheat to 28

countries on Wednesday under its export-enhancement program, in the year ending June 30, 1993.

The subsidies, which will total \$1 billion, have now been extended

to countries that are traditional EC markets, an EC spokesman said.

The EC Commission will investigate whether the subsidies violate a

standstill agreement, introduced at the start of the Uruguay Round of trade talks in 1986, that committed trading partners not to

introduce any new measures that might be incompatible with the

"The announcement was rather belligerent and doesn't help fruitful relations," the spokesman said. But he said the Community

intended to continue negotiations with the aim of reaching a GATT

Last year's cereal subsidies under the U.S. export program stood at \$768 million, the spokesman said. Similar EC subsidies totaled 3.36 billion European currency units (\$4.9 billion).

The United States exported 80 million tons of cereals under its

subsidies program last year, including 32 million tons of wheat. The Community exported 32.3 million tons of cereal. In Australia, Prime Minister Paul Keating attacked the U.S. plan

to boost subsidies, saying it conflicted with assurances by Washington that it would minimize the effects of its subsidy program on

Wheat futures, which jumped Wednesday, eased Thursday after

the Agriculture Department rejected a bid by Egypt for 600,000 tons of subsidized wheat. Grain exporters said Egypt returned with a higher bid but the department had not responded by the market's close. Wheat for September delivery settled 2 cents lower on the

Chicago Board of Trade at \$3.32 a bushel.

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, he said.

accord this year.

Australia's interests.

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investigate whether the move violated a farm-trade agreem

# **West German GNP Slows to Standstill**

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune FRANKFURT — Western Germany's economic slowdown is edging closer to recession, further complicating the country's efforts to stabilize the slide in Eastern Germany, analysts say. Western Germany's gross national product did not grow at all in the second quarter in real, or price-adjusted terms, and was up only 0.6 percent from the year-earlier quarter, the Fed-

eral Statistics Office reported Thursday.

Gross domestic product, which unlike GNP does not include income earned by East German commuters in the West, shrank 0.5 percent in the second quarter and was up just 0.6 percent from a year earlier, the smallest quar-

Economics Minister Jürgen Möllemann called the 0.5 percent GDP decline a "warning signal" that industry, the backbone of the German economy, is nearing the limit of its ability to adapt to the country's record high interest rates, strong currency and upward wage pressure.

terly increase in seven years.

to evaporate soon because they are partly dependent on factors beyond Germany's control,

economists say. Peter Lang, chief economist at Bayerische Vereinsbank in Munich, said a slide into recession cannot be ruled out. "We had hoped the rest of the world would improve," Mr. Lang said. The U.S. recovery, however, has proved sluggish and growth in the rest of Europe is restrained by high interest rates, which in turn are dictated by Germany.

Germany and the rest of the world are each "waiting on the other" to recover first, said Mr. Lang. He predicted that the current "critical phase" in German growth would last at least through the end of the year.

The second-quarter GNP figure, though flat, was better than many economists had expected. The statistics office said the main source of growth in the quarter was services, whose con-tribution expanded 1.3 percent from the first quarter and 4.9 percent from a year earlier. Unemployment, meanwhile, fell slightly in both Western and Eastern Germany in August, but Heinrich Franke, president of the Federal Labor Office, said people shouldn't be fooled by the figures, which reflect seasonal factors.

Western German unemployment rose by 17,000 in August in seasonally adjusted terms and the jobless rate remained a stubbornly high 6.7 percent. Eastern German unemployment fell by 19,000 in unadjusted terms to 1,169,732, or to a rate of 14 percent from 15.1 percent. The number of Eastern German "underem-

ployed" — including officially jobless, people working shortened shifts and those in subsidized vocational programs — was little changed in August at 1,837,484 or about 40 percent of

the employable population.

Mr. Möllemann put much of the blame for Eastern Germany's problems on inappropriately high wage increases in a period of declining productivity. Eastern German wages are set to

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# **OECD Bluntly Tells Greece to Shape Up**

By Carl Gewirtz onal Herald Tribune

PARIS - Greece has been warned that unless the government gets tough both on itself and on vested interests within the country, it will be left out of the economic integration under way within the European Community.

Using unusually blunt language, the annual economic survey of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, prepared for release Friday, said that the inefficiency of public administration "now onstitutes an important impe economic development of the country."

Promised reforms, the report noted, have been smaller than expected, only partly imple-mented and often rendered ineffective because complementary measures were not enacted. With wages and pensions at levels "higher

than the economy can afford," extensive tax evasion and "immoderate recruitment" that has "bred rather lax work attitudes," the publicsector deficit remains bloated and feeds infla-

"Reduction of the deficit and of the over-

sized public sector is the key to breaking the vicious circle of stagilation," the report said. The financial situation "is worse than had been estimated" and has been revised to show total general government debt last year at 101 percent of gross domestic product - larger earlier by the EC Commission. The proposed Maastricht treaty on economic, monetary and political union sets a target of debt-to-GDP of

not more than 60 percent. The OECD puts Greece's total public-sector debt at 113 percent of GDP, and the report said

items" puts what it calls "the wider public sector's debt" at just over 130 percent of GDP. Meeting the Maastricht target "is going to be a

considerably harder task than was generally rec-ognized" and "will make for a continuing high real interest rate over the longer term," it said. This makes it all the more urgent to curb tax

evasion. Noting that professionals and small entrepreneurs were "among the biggest tax evaders," the OECD said that "fairness of a reformed tax system, by alleviating the dispro-portionate burden carried by wage earners, is a orerequisite for success."

It highlighted the "unbelievable situation" by noting that the average declared income of professionals, merchants and industrialists de-

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largest buyers of home mortgages. Citicorp Mortgage Inc., based in St. Louis, was the nation's largest

mortgage lender as recently as

1989, but has slipped badly in re-

In the first half of 1992 as the company was in the midst of a recr-ganization to send more of its busi-

ness through Citibank's 575

branches, it issued \$4.5 billion of

new loans, making it the 12th-larg-

est mortgage lender in the country, according to Inside Mortgage Fi-

Citicorp Mortgage remains the largest servicer of mortgages in the

country. Servicers, who receive an

annual fee of between a quarter and

a half of one percentage point of the value of a mortgage, collect monthly payments and forward them to the

investors who hold the mortgages.

Last month, Citicorp named Carl

Levinson as chief executive of the

mortgage subsidiary, with a man-date to clean up the business. The

report did not name Mr. Levinson,

but said the executive recently placed in charge had "taken an ag-

preserve initial approach" but was hampered by a lack of experience in the business, and inadequate support from other executives.

Citicorp does not report the

profits or losses for its mortgage

business, but the examiners' report

noted that Citicorp Mortgage had negative equity capital of \$30 mil-lion at the end 1991.

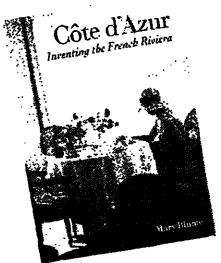
business an additional \$172 million.

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# Examiners Fault Citicorp Mortgage Arm gage Corp., a U.S.-chartered agency that is one of the nation's

By Michael Quint

NEW YORK — A highly unusual unauthorized release of a document that sums up a U.S. government examination of Culcorp's mortgage business paints a critical picture of the way that subsidiary is

ers criticized Citicorp's home-mortgage subsidiary, one of the largest in the country, for sloppy practices that exposed the banking company to excessive risk.

In the report, U.S. bank examin-

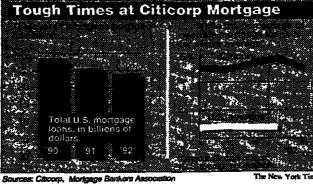
A spokesman for Citicorp, John M. Morris, declined to comment on any of the criticisms in the report, and noted that the same laws that make it a criminal violation to publish parts of a bank examination. report "make it illegal for us to discuss it."

The Comptroller of Currency's office also declined to comment on the report prepared by the agency's New York examiners.

Mr. Morris added that examiners' reports were intended as a starting point for discussion be-tween management and regulators rather than a final judgment and

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said that all the claims made in a shift had no effect on earnings, but report were not necessarily true. Citicorp has already corrected

some of the problems identified in the report, which is dated Aug. 18. Earlier that month, Citicorp acknowledged that problems identiit to revise its second-quarter earnings downward by \$28 million, to \$143 million.

At the regulators' request, Citi-corp said, it also reclassified home mortgages that were more than a year delinquent to real estate owned, rather than consumer loans. That

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illustrates the inaccurate bookkeeping practices cited by examiners. The document, provided anony-mously to The New York Times on Wednesday, chastised Citicorp management for a variety of misfied by the examiners were forcing takes and said senior executives it to revise its second-quarter earn"have neglected their responsibilities to correct identified prob-

> It said the company was doing such a poor job of screening our inqualified home buyers that a high percentage of the mortgages it originates cannot be sold to other investors unless Citicorp promises to buy back the mortgage in the event of a default.

> The ability to sell mortgages to other investors is crucial to Citicorp's future in the business. It oes not have the financial strength to hold those loans on its books and

at the same time continue to expand its other businesses.

The report noted that high losses on mortgages and inadequate re-cord-keeping had also led to criti-

most of which has been eaten up by additional losses. By the end of June, examiners said, the mortgage cism by Federal Home Loan Mort-

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### MARKET DIARY

# Looming Jobs Data Short-Circuits Rally

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Caution ahead of the U.S. employment report for cent, at 96.62. Its Asian component August defused a rally attempt surged 3.77 percent, to 88.88, while Thursday on Wall Street, where the European shares in the Trib Instocks ended with minor gains despite a push from foreign markets. The Dow Jones industrial average, which jumped 24.05 points

### N.Y. Stocks

Wednesday, added 1.89 points, to 3,292.20. The blue-chip average had been up more than 22 points earlier in the session.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 5-to-4 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume rose to 212.54 million shares from 187.48 million on

Investors were cautious ahead of Friday's scheduled release of August jobs data, one of the first looks at the shape of the U.S. economy last month. Meanwhile, declines in airlines and retailers, two stock market leaders in recent days, helped hold the market back, traders said. News that the U.S. government found management and credit-quality problems at Citicorp's mortgage unit added to the pres-sure as did a rise in state jobless

claims for the latest week The market turnsround late in the day came despite rises in several expected to help Wall Street stocks. Most notable were sharp rises in key foreign markets. Key stock indexes rocketed 4.5 percent in value in To-shares traded. Four institutions have kyo, surged 3 percent in London, rallied 4 percent in Paris and rose consin Investment Board, Oppen-1.6 percent in Frankfurt, Prices also rose across the board in Madrid, and Fidelity Management. Zurich, Brussels and Amsterdam.

The International Herald Tribune World Stock Index was up 1.43 perdex rose 0.90 percent, to 101.36.

The less dramatic rise in the En-ropean component reflected the strength of the dollar against Continental currencies, another factor that tend to aid Wall Street. The Trib Index is calculated in dollar terms, so an advance in the U.S. currency tempers gains in stocks have weakened against it.

The beliwether 30-year Treasury bond rose 6/32, to 98 23/32, cutting its yield to 7.35 percent from 7.37. Limited Inc. paced the Big Board actives, adding 4 to 23%. Gap Inc. followed, falling 2 to 33% after reporting comparable store sales rose 6 percent compared with a gain of 21 percent last August. Analysts at Goldman Sachs and Lehman Brothers cut earnings estimates for Gap. Merck & Co. was the third-most-

active issue, rising ¼ to 48¼ after studies found its Vasotec drug could be effective in lowering the risk of death in heart-attack victims. Mead fell 1% to 37% after a 4.1 percent block of its stock was traded

at a point below the previous trade. Fred Houck, assistant Mead treasurer, said, "This is not a transaction we were party to," and added "there other spheres that might have been is no corporate announcement that would account for this." The block traded accounted for

shares traded. Four institutions have holdings that size; the State of Wisheimer Capital, State Street Boston

### POUND: Help in Surprise Plan

that the market, without some catalyst, is not going to call their bhuff."
Mr. Adkins said Britain's move establishes a large level of support for the pound but could spell trou-

### ble if the plan does not work."If Foreign Exchange

that level of support is broken after the French referendum, they'll have a full-fledged currency crisis on their hands," he said.

In other London trading, the dollar advanced to 124.025 yen from 123.010, to 1.2610 Swiss francs from 1.2385 and to 4.7735 French francs from 4.7435.

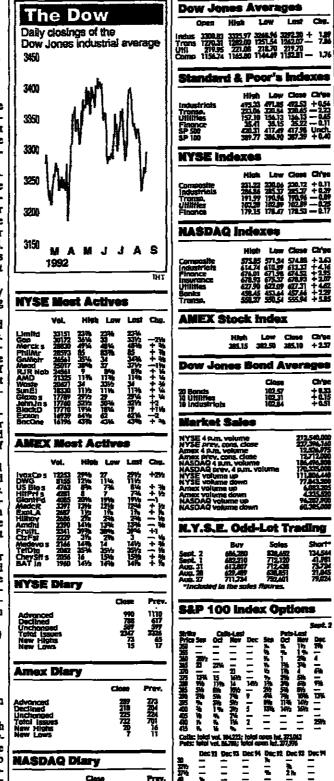
In New York, the dollar maintained its gains when trading ended. It was quoted at 1.4155 DM, up from 1.3942 at the Wednesday close, and the pound fell to \$1.9830 from \$1.9993. The dollar also rose to 123.95 yen from 123.15, to

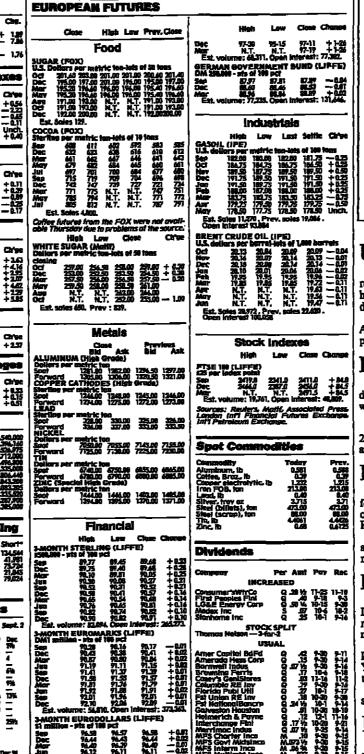
(Continued from first finance page) and to 4.8210 French francs from 4.7515.

In Japan, the Nikkei English News agency said the Group of Seven industrialized countries have agreed to limit the mark's climb against the dollar, and it would pre-G-7 summit in Washington Sept. 19.

(Reuters, Bloomberg AFP, AP)

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# Jobless Claims Edge Up

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
WASHINGTON — The government said Friday that new claims for state memployment benefits rose a scant 3,000 in the latest week. but some people were not counted because they filed for benefits

under an emergency federal program.
The Labor Department said 386,000 people filed initial claims for state unemployment benefits in the week ended Aug. 22, up from 383,000 the prior week. But a further 8,240 newly jobless people chose to file for benefits under a new emergency federal program authorized by Congress in July, it said.

If these people were added, the new claims figure would have been 394,240. And the department said it still had not received data on claims for this new federal program from 17 states. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

### U.S. Stores Post Modest Rise in Sales

NEW YORK (AP) - The nation's largest retailers on Thursday reported mostly modest increases in August sales as a late Labor Day holiday delayed back-to-school shopping. The hurricane designated Andrew also depressed results, damaging some stores.

Wal-Mart said sales at stores open at least a year were up 10 percent from August 1991, while overall sales tose 26 percent. Kmart saw only a 1.7 percent rise in its same-store sales. Overall sales were up 9.6 percent.

### Late-August Car Sales Rose Slightly

DETROIT (Bloomberg) - U.S. sales of North American-made cars DETROIT (Bloomberg) — U.S. sales of North American-made candiduring late August eked out a scant 0.7 percent gain from a year earlier, with the industry leader General Motors Corp. reporting a 7 percent drop. Sales of light truck sales, however, rose 18.4 percent from a year earlier. U.S. automakers sold 196,922 domestically built cars during the Aug. 21-31 period, compared with 217,389 cars in the year-earlier period. On an annual basis, U.S. car sales slamped to 5.9 million from 6.1 million.

### Ex-Oppenheimer Broker Charged

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Federal prosecutors on Thursday charged a former top stockbroker at Oppenheimer & Co. with perjury growing out of the socialite insider scandal involving Martin Revson, a member of the Revion founding family.

Milton Weinger, 62, is expected to plead guilty to perjury next week, according to lawyers close to the case. The charge carries a possible maximum prison term of five years and a \$250,000 fine.

## Posner to Sell Stake in DWG, Resign MIAMI (Bloomberg) — Victor Posner, the embattled chairman of DWG Corp., agreed Thursday to sell some of his shares in the sodar restaurant, textile and propane company, exchange the remainder into

nonvoting preferred stock, and resign.

Mr. Posner, who owns about 12 million shares, or 46.3 percent of DWG's common stock, will sell half his shares to Trian Group LP, a New

York investment group controlled by Nelson Peltz and Peter May. After the sale, Trian will own about 30 percent of the shares.

Mr. Posner, 73, is selling his DWG interest following years of court suits against him and rejected acquisition offers.

### For the Record

Boeing Co., responding to slower orders from airlines, said it would cut production of its 757 jetliner next year to 8.5 planes a mouth from 7. The reduction could result in unspecified job losses.

(AP) American International Group Inc. said its third-quarter insured net loss from the hurricane designated Andrew and the typhoon designated Omar would be between \$75 million and \$100 million. (Reuters)

# Aid for Russia Sapped by Capital Flight

WASHINGTON - An amount equal to about half WASHINGTON —An amount equal to about half of the \$10 billion to \$12 billion that Russia received in foreign aid in the first half of this year was lost to foreign-currency earnings to the state unless they foreign aid in the first half of this year was lost to capital flight, monetary sources said Thursday. They said that more than \$5 billion had been sent

abroad as Russian companies stashed export earnings in foreign bank accounts rather than use the funds for

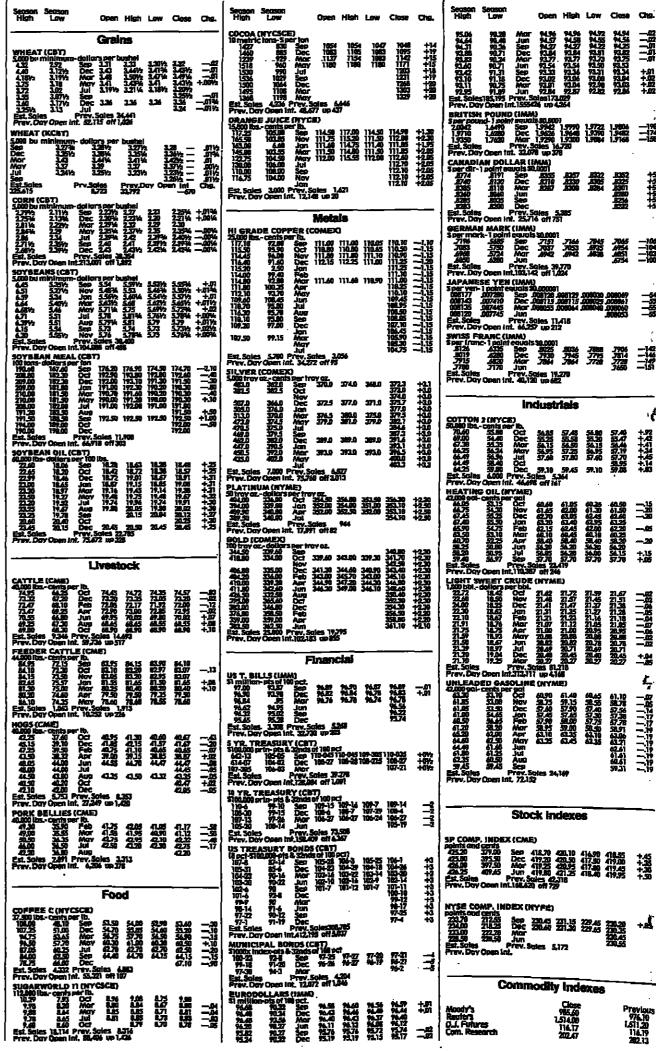
Some Russian officials privately admit that this could complicate the country's negotiations for debt 1.2660 Swiss francs from 1.2434 relief with foreign creditors.

needed cash to buy goods abroad. Monetary sources said the Russian government's records are often so jumbled that the authorities know little about the use of some of the funds.

Much of the money was used to buy supplies of food, medicine and other essential imports, but a full accounting does not seem to be available.

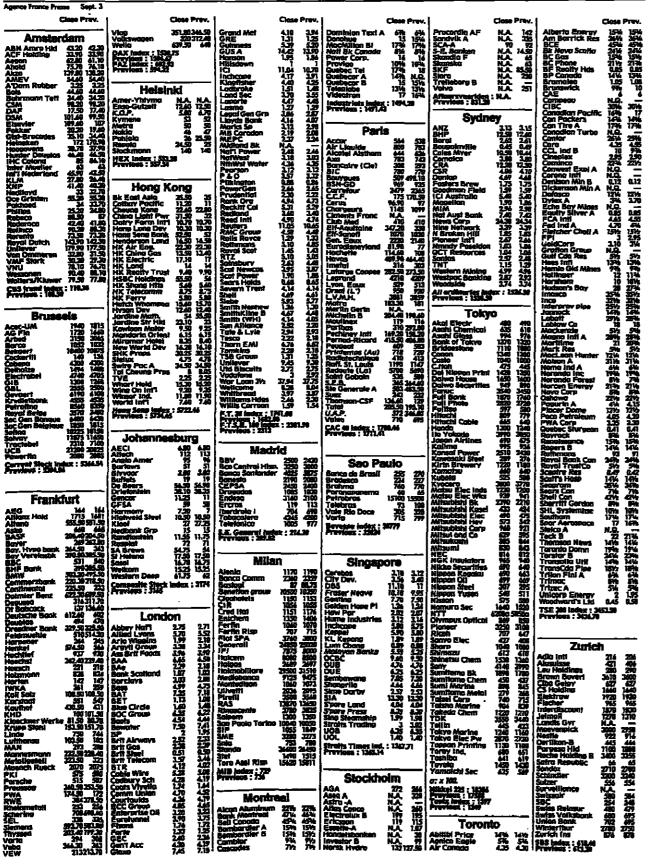
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### **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**



**Rolls-Royce Profit Doubles** LONDON — Rolls-Royce PLC on Thursday said its first-half pretax profit nearly doubled from a year earlier, but the result was still well below analysts' expectations as the weak dollar eroded earnings.

Meanwhile, Rolls-Royce's chief executive, Sir half Debine decided the comment was in talks to buy 2,800 jobs in the second half, after paring its payroll by 2,200, to 54,900, in the first half. The moves are part of

five-year restructuring program.

Many of the jobs will come at a helicopter engine plant that is being shut down by the end of 1993.

Sales for the first half slipped to £1.64 billion from Meanwhile, Rolls-Royce's chief executive, Sir Ralph Robins, denied the company was in talks to buy General Motors Corp.'s Allison gas turbine division, or would form a strategic alliance with United Technologies Corp.'s Pratt & Whitney unit,

GM put its gas turbine division up for sale earlier this year, and last month said it had rejected the first Industrial power sales were up 5 percent and now

make up 40 percent of company business, compared with 15 percent five years earlier. But aerospace sales Despite claiming some early signs of recovery in civil air traffic, airlines face continued pressures, the

company said, and any recovery in the civil airline spares business will remain slow. The price war among U.S. airlines is battering demand for new engines and is "not good news for any manufacturer," Sir Ralph said. Faced with red ink and lower revenue, U.S. airlines are "running down equip-

ment" and delaying purchases, he said.

Military business remained near 1991's level, as lower deliveries of the RB-199 engine for the Tornado fighter arcraft were compensated by higher deliveries of the Pegasus and Adour engines.

Spending on research and development dropped to £109 million from £118 million the year before. Lord Tombs said Rolls-Royce was increasing the return on its research and development investment by applying azrospace technology to the industrial power product range. Exceptional charges for restructuring were £14 million in the half, down from £26 million a year earlier.

(AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

# TAT Seeks A Linkup With BA

PARIS — Transport Aérien Transrégional, a French re-gional airline, said Thursday it was discussing selling a stake to British Airways PLC.

"We have passed the explor-atory phase of negotiations and are now discussing finan-cial and legal issues," said Thierry Lefebure, a spokesman for TAT. The stake would total between 20 and 49 per-cent of TAT.

Mr. Lefebure said that Michel Marchais, chairman of TAT, has been seeking an international partner for the past several months, and has been in talks with American Airlines and United Airlines, among others.

"We would prefer a deal with partner from the European Community," the spokesman said, adding that such a linkup would be less likely to provoke any hostility from French or EC authorities.

Details of the BA offer, which the spokesman described as "firm," were not disclosed. It could be a matter of weeks before a deal is finalized, he said. Mr. Marchais holds 72 per-cent of TAT, and Credit Na-tional SA holds 25 percent.

A higger entry into the French market would appear to fit well with British Airways' growth plan. The airline is seeking to buy a stake in USAir to get a footbold in the U.S. domestic market.

(Bloomberg, AFX)

# **EC Opens Investigation** Of Siemens-Philips Ties

BRUSSELS - The EC Commission said Thursday it would investigate a series of linkups between ens AG and the German unit of Philips Electronics NV to determine whether they would harm competition in EC markets. Meanwhile, Siemens and LM

Ericsson Telefon AB said they have agreed to expand their cooperation in cordless technology on an inter-

The agreement, between Ericsson Business Communications AB and Siemens' communication systems group, extends the cooperation announced in March 1992 to European and selected overseas countries, but excludes the United States. The previous agreement had been limited to the German market.

vestigation of Siemens and Philips would cover the transfer of Philips Kommunikations Industrie AG's plants to its German joint venture with Siemens, Nachrichtenkabel &

Anlagen GmbH.
Philips announced in December

that it was negotiating to cede its German and Dutch cable and optical fibers businesses to Siemens Those talks are continuing, a Philips spokesman said.

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The inquiry also includes Siemens' plans to buy Philips's 50 per-cent stake in Yangtze Optical Fiber & Cable Co. of China. Siemens' plan to raise its stake in Norddeutsch Seekabelwerke AG, a

German cables and measuring

equipment company, is also being studied by the commission. The commission has four weeks to decide whether the linkups could harm competition in EC markets. If it has "serious doubts" about the

er, four-month investigation. Separately, the EC commission The agreement gives Siemens international marketing rights, excluding the United States, for vatori SpA from Iveco SpA, a Fiat subsidiary.

(AP, AFX) said it had opened an inquiry into

phone systems.

The EC Commission said its in
Philips Carts Costs Anew Philips said it has been forced to

start a fresh round of global costcutting aimed at "very substantia Cologne and Nuremberg cable savings of several millions of guilders this year because key markets show no sign of improving, AFP-Extel News reported from Eindho-

# **UBS Expects Record Profit Despite Weak Economy**

GENEVA — Union Bank of Switzerland forecast Thursday a re-cord group profit for 1992 despite a

"We expect cash flow to be higher while write-offs and provisions

should be lower, so net profit would be up," said Robert Studer, chief executive of the biggest Swiss bank. He refused to make a more precise forecast, but several Swiss eqnities analysts have predicted UBS's net profit this year would

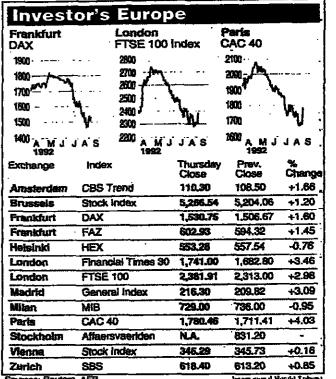
(\$985 million) carned in 1991. Swiss Bank Corp., the second-largest Swiss bank, said this week it expected a 1992 profit increase of 5 percent to 10 percent.

rise 10 percent to 14 percent from the record 1.22 billion Swiss francs

UBS said last week its net profit was 682 million francs in the first half of 1992 and prospects for the second half were "fundamentally positive." It was the first time UBS published a consolidated first-half statement, and no companison figares were given.

Bad-loan write-offs and provisions remained "enormously high," Mr. Studer said, with more than half being provisions on doubtful property loans and credit business Switzerland.

He said UBS's interest-earning business in the first half did well abroad but poorly in Switzerland.



### Very briefly:

Hafnia Holding 1992 A/S said its banking units — Hafnia Kapitalbank and Hafnia Eroverybank, due to merge as Hafnia Bank — would make provisions to cover 25 percent of their loans to the predecessor parent company, Hafnia Holding A/S, which suspended debt payments Aug. 19; Hafnia Bank will write down its stake in the old Hafnia Holding to zero.

• Bank of Finland said it boosted its tender rate to 18 percent from 17 percent, the second rise in just over a week, "in the light of capital outflows caused by the prevailing uncertainty" in international markets; the Deutsche mark has risen to 2.7601 markkaa from 2.7420 on Aug. 20.

• Gist-Brocades NV's first-half net profit rose 17.9 percent, to 42.8 million guilders (\$27.3 million); the figures exclude a 133.2 million guilder extraordinary gain after asset sales; the Dutch biotechnology company's sales in continuing operations rose 8.6 percent in the half. • H. P. Bulmer Holdings PLC of Britain, the world's biggest cider producer, said it acquired Cidrerie Stassen, Belgium's top cider concern.

• Yarrow Shipbuilders Ltd., a Glasgow-based unit of the British General Electric Co., said it would cut 510 jobs because of reduced defense orders. Reckitt & Cohnan PLC's first-half pretax earnings rose 4.7 percent, to £134 million (\$268 million), although sales for the household products and food company fell 5.9 percent, to £935.7 million; it said the profit rise reflected the strength of its brands in tough, recessionary markets.

Ladbroke Group PLC's pretax profit in the first half rose 5.1 percent, to £103.2 million, as sales edged 1.0 percent higher, to £1.99 billion; the hotel, betting and retailing conglomerate said it was trying to raise profit margins in a difficult worldwide environment. • Williams Holdings PLC, citing the "most difficult economic conditions

worldwide" that the building materials company has experienced, said first-half pretax earnings fell 5.8 percent, to £72.1 million, while sales advanced 4.9 percent, to £493.8 million.

• Nameo Ltd. of Japan plans to buy the game production and distribution divisions of Brent Walker Leisure Ltd., giving it its first European production base; terms of the purchase have yet to be decided.

 Samsang Co. reportedly has arranged to buy Werk für Fernsehelek-tronik GmbH, a maker of color television tubes, from the Trenhand privatization agency, according to press reports from Berlin; the Japanese company also is said to be interested in buying RFT AG, which would give it near-total control of Eastern Germany's television industry.

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# Sun Alliance Jumps as Loss Narrows

LONDON — Shares in Sun Alli-ance Group PLC, Britain's largest general insurer, surged 12 percent

Rolls-Royce posted profit of £20 million (\$40 million) for the first half, up from £11 million. The weak dollar cut profit by about £10 million compared with

Rolls-Royce said it had made "steady progress" in the half. "We are encouraged by our strong order book of £6.7 billion," said Lord Tombs, the company's

chairman. "We have also maintained a strong balance sheet and have continued to invest in the business and

The company said that while trading conditions remained difficult, the results were in line with its own

expectations. But analysts had expected profit of £27 million to £45 million, and Rolls-Royce shares fell 4 pence, to 129 pence, on the London Stock Exchange.

Lord Tombs said the company would cut up to

the first half of 1991, the aerospace and power engineering company said. Most aircraft engine orders are priced in dollars, while the bulk of Rolls-Royce's costs

on Thursday after the company re-ported a smaller pretax loss for the first half than expected.

Sun reported a loss in the first half of 1992 of £97.9 million (\$196.1 million), down from £114.1 a year ago and considerably better than analysts' predictions, which ranged between a loss of £100 million and £150 million.

The insurer left its dividend unchanged at 5.25 pence a share.

The shares jumped 27 pence to the household, mortgage indemnity 252 pence on the London Stock and automobile sectors. It said it

recovery in most of the markets cent reduction in its British work where Sun Alliance operates," force over the past 18 months. group chief executive Roger Nev-ille said in a statement.

He said the company would have broken even in the second quarter if results had not been burdened with losses of £42 million arising from a terrorist bombing in London's financial district in April.

The insurer said it had lowered its exposure to insurance risks in

tchange. had also undertaken "stringent
"There are now clear signs of costs controls," including a 12 per-The company said that mortgage indemnity losses in Britain remain

high although the number of house essions had fallen somewhat in the first half. It noted that various government programs launched last December would

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

### XEROX: Copying Japanese Development Techniques Puts Company Back in Leading Role He said the managers once had a Xerox formed development about 50 people, who defined the quality of products they were work-(Continued from page 1) ing on. Employees were given extra list of corporate goals, with contraining in quality techniques. teams, as a growing number of U.S. machine's broad features, prepared free. But by and large management

consultants and the company are pleased with the results and believe they hold great promise for U.S.

First, Xerox directed attention to working and factory conditions. Lifts were installed at each work station at its plant in Webster, near Rochester, so that the 5100 frame would be raised to a comfortable height for assembly-line workers.

Changes were made, too, so that completed parts would flow smoothly to assembly areas. Workers were given daily reports on the lems."

training in quality techniques.

Walking through the sprawling
Webster plant, clean and brightly lit. one encounters many assemblers who say the management attitude and the plant atmosphere have changed markedly. "Until four years ago they didn't

care how you put the machines together, as long as you did it in time," said Randy Parry, who has been with the company for 23 years. "And so people hurt them-selves — they had back problems, wrist problems, all kinds of prob-

ployee satisfaction fourth or fifth on the list. "Now it is No. 2," Mr. Parry said. "The company knows employee satisfaction has a direct relation to customer satisfaction."

Again copying its Japanese competitors, Xerox resolved to develop formal, long-term-planning, replacing its one-step-at-a-time approach. The Japanese plan product development as if it were a military campaign. "They relish thinking about how do we get from here to there," Mr. Kearns said, "and map it out on big charts."

manufacturers are now also doing: designers, engineers, manufacturing experts, marketing specialists, repair people.

premium, Team members hope to spot problems early, and spread the

curred in 1984. In contrast with its highly automated Model 5090. is intended to be run by a trained operator, the 5100 was to he made simple enough to be used by ordinary office workers.

The team was then increased to sales around the world.

sales estimates and began looking hard at the economics. In June 1990, field testing intensified. About 40 machines were placed Improved communication is a with customers with quick-print husinesses, people not slow to complain when things go wrong.
"If there is any kind of problem,

it will show up in these field tests," James J. Miller, a marketing manager, said. Found acceptable, the machine was introduced in Japan in October.

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thority have to be re-established; politicized labor unions have to cease playing a role in the adminis-trative functions of each ministry; merit and educational qualifications must be recognized better by ment for tax evaders high enough giving higher remuneration and to have a dissuasive effect." More posts of responsibility to compe-even handed tax enforcement tent civil servants, and training in evenhanded tax enforcement tent civil servants, and training in would bring activity that is now conjunction with greater horizontal underground into the open, the mobility within the public sector must be improved."

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### GERMANY: Economy Stagnates

rise to Western German levels, the world's highest, within the next few years. "If this trend continues, it will cause a loss of growth and employment and damp the eco-nomic upturn needed in Eastern Germany," Mr. Möllemann said.

The Statistics Office said Westem German productivity fell 0.4 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier as the economy expanded 0.6 percent and the em-ployment base rose by 1.1 percent.

Among other consequences, sluggish growth coupled with high interest rates in the West have made investors reluctant to sink their funds into uncertain projects in the East.

Dietrich Beier, chief economist at Berliner Bank, said there was no end in sight to the Eastern German memployment problem. "We're seeing an increase in the West be-

(Continued from first finance page) cause of cyclical factors, but in the East because of structural factors," he said. The structural problems will last until well into next year, he said.

Mr. Beier said he did not think there was a direct link between joblessness in the East and a disturbing incidence of violence against foreigners. The background is more likely alienation in certain circles that used to be better off," he said, noting that several former Stati officials were arrested as insti-gators of recent riots in Rostock, a troubled shipyard city.

■ Dutch GDP Up 1.5%

The gross domestic product of the Netherlands rose by an annual rate of 1.5 percent in the second quarter of 1992 after climbing 3.1 percent in the first quarter and 1.4 percent in the last quarter of 1991, Bloomberg Business News report-ed from the Hague.

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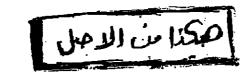
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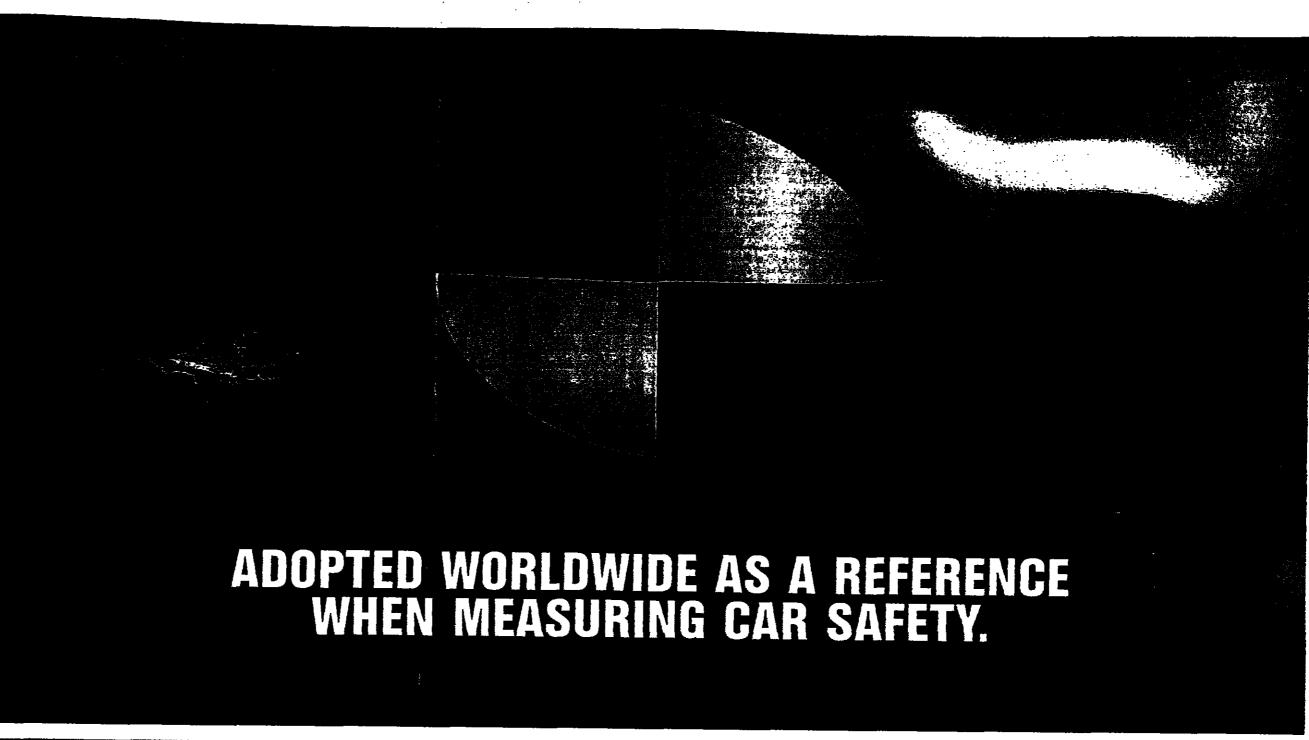
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THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE.

By John Markoff

New York Times Service NEW YORK - In the clearest evidence yet of its determination to shake up its bureaucratic corporate culture, IBM announced Thursday that it was establishing a separate company to develop, manufacture,

distribute and market personal computers. Those functions have previously been handled by different divisions of International Business Machines Corp., the world's largest computer maker. The creation of a personal-computer company had been promised but the details had not been announced. The new company will be IBM Personal Computer

In December, IBM's chairman, John F. Akers, began breaking up the company into more competitive

and faster-moving independent units.

As part of the latest announcement, an IBM vice president, Robert J. Corrigan, has been named president of the new company. Another vice president, Edward F. Rogers, has been named the company's chief financial officer. Sam M. Inman was named as

president of the new company's marketing division, IBM Personal Computer Co. — North America. "We will have more brands and we can get into more distribution channels," said James Cannavino, general manager of IBM's personal systems business. My goal is to be where the customers want to be at the most competitive price."

Mr. Cannavino has been the architect of the company's various desktop-computer businesses since 1989. He said that as a result of the creation of IBM Personal Computer, he would play less of a day-to-day role in the personal-computer business, instead focusing on alliances and other broader issu

Mr. Corrigan will report to Mr. Cannavino, and the new company will be a wholly owned subsidiary of

There is still skepticism among computer industry executives and analysts about whether IBM will be able to transform itself without even deeper changes in the company's management.

They're trying to become more competitive and more aggressive," said Seymour Merrin, president of Merrin Information Services, a Palo Alto, California market research and consulting firm. "It's absolutely essential that they do something like this to survive, but are the right kinds of people running the show?" IBM shares fell 50 cents in late Thursday trading to

The new company was amounced through a series of telephone interviews with reporters Wednesday and Thursday, an unusually low-keyed approach for a company that has in the past rented large hotel rooms in Manhattan to announce organizational changes. A bigger fuss is likely to be made later this month.

when IBM intends to begin a product blitz that will

last through September and October and transform

most of its personal computer line. The first new products are expected next week when the company will announce several models of its PS/1 line based on Intel's powerful 486 chip. Later in the fall, IBM will introduce portable models, refurbish its PS/2 desktop family and create a low-cost brand.

### Wang Shifts **Focus Toward**

LOWELL, Massachusetts Wang Laboratories Inc. said Thursday it expected to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy primarily as a software and services company, according to David Goulden, vice

More Software

president of marketing. But the computer company's strength in the two sectors may not be sufficient to overcome its financial problems, analysts and industry observ-

The reorganization will mean that Wang will be "downsizing significantly" its manufacturing operations and hardware products.

"A lot of their lifeblood was hardware," said Michael Neubarth, an analyst with the Meta Group. "They're up against a wall and doing what everyone else in the industry is doing - moving more and more toward software."

NASDAO prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.
This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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ens to outstrip demand, the cartel buys the surplus and stockpiles it. By preventing sharp fluctuations in price. De Beers maintains, the manipulations protect the jobs of miners, cutters, traders and jewelers, and secure the value of what consumers buy. Secrecy is an essential ingredient

in the De Beers mystique, but Mr. Picton offers the following stark calculations to illustrate the magnitude of De Beers' predicament: The Central Selling Organiza

tion, he estimates, was obliged to buy uncut diamonds worth \$4.8 billion -\$4.3 billion from its contractors, plus the Angolan stones. It could expect to sell consumers less than \$3.5 billion, by Mr. Pic-

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GEMS: Cartel's Hold Slips Amid Recession and Angolan Diamond Flood

it's a 100-mile river. You can't put a fence around it."

To keep prices from collapsing. the cartel may be forced to buy up \$500 million worth of illicit diamonds from Angola this year twice as much as Angola's official production, and far more than De Beers anticipated.

As recently as Aug. 10, De Beers seemed to be a lustrous exception to the world economic slump. The cartel had secured new five-year contracts with its stable of collaborating producers, enhanced by the addition of Russia.

A new Japanese taste for diamonds seemed to have buoyed the industry through a sales slump in America. The new De Beers mine at Venetia in the northern Trans-

(Continued from first finance page)

company had only \$14 million of

capital, an amount they called sub-stantially inadequate relative to the

In support of its claims that Citi-

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lion a year.

While some analysts noticed danger signals in the persistent world recession and the Angolan diamond rush, many were hilled by the bullish assurances of Mr. Ogilvie Thompson.

Then on Aug. 11, he broke the news: De Beers was slashing its dividend for the second time in its postwar history and ordering its contractors to hold back production. The mining giant's stock plunged from 75 rand (\$28) a share to the low 50s, taking with it much of the Johannesburg stock exchange and the company's credibil-

For the first time since the diamond market collapsed in 1981, investors wondered openly whether

report said, resulting in a delinquen-

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"When this question arose 10 years ago, I said, 'Of course De

Beers can hold the line," said Mr. Picton, the Cape Town analyst, who forecast the dividend cut. "This time, I don't think there's any 'of course' about it. I do think they will hold the line. But at what

Through its corporate twin. De Beers Centenary AG — a Swissbased concern created to insulate the diamond trade from sanctions against South Africa's apartheid system - De Beers runs the marketing organ called the Central Selling Organization, which grades, distributes and promotes most of the world's rough diamonds.

When demand grows, as it did in less than \$3.5 b the 1980s, the selling organization ton's reckoning.

CITICORP: Examiners Criticize Management of Mortgage Subsidiary

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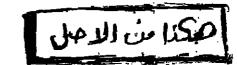
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# Talking Market Up in Tokyo

TOKYO — Rumors were flying Thursday in the Tokyo market that Japan will add elements to its recent market-rescue package, and despite official denials, the Nikkei stock index extended its recent rally with a surge of more than 4 percent.

Market speculation that the government was considering deficit-reduction bonds and tax cuts as addistoring treater remember of the same way can as anni-tions to the 10.7 trillion yen (\$87 billion) financial package announced on Friday has boosted stock prices, forcing speculators who sold short expecting declines to buy shares to cover their positions.

As details of the original package filtered out, the Nikkei began to recover from its 1992 low of 14,309.41 on Aug. 18. With the latest talk on Thursday, it jumped 798.77 points, or 4.54 percent, to 18,386.49. It was the highest close since May 25, and left the Nikkei up more than 28 percent from its low.

A report on an international news service that the government would issue deficit bonds added to the latest rise, said Wayne Rayner, a trader at Sanyo Securities. The story did not quote officials, only economists' predictions that the government would have to rely on them. But officials of the governing Liberal Democratic Party have said the government may need to issue such bonds to spur economic recovery.

Other rumors moving the market were that government postal life insurance money has begun flowing

into stocks and that the Ba count rate on loans to hanks.

Another factor was talk the Finance Ministry was ssuring mutual funds to buy stocks. One broker said the ministry has "been pretty unhappy with the way the market has been drifting back the past few

way the market has been dirtuing back the past lew days, and has raised pressure for action."

"There were rumons everywhere," said Yuichi Matsushita, a strategist at Nikko Securities Co. The bullish rumors forced investors who had been shorting stocks, or selling borrowed shares, to buy them back.

The market reaction to the various rumors "showed that investors are still seriously hoping for more government measures to help the economy" while many believe the market has bottomed out, said Yoshiro

Inoue, an analyst with Nomura Securities Co. Market talk of lower future margins fueled the latest surge in stock prices, said Christian Howes, a salesman at Smith New Court. Lower margins would make it cheaper to trade futures because investors would have to put up less money to invest in contracts.

Between August 1990 and March 1992, the exchanges raised margin requirements to 30 percent of the value of a futures contract from 9 percent. Speculation that the Bank of Japan would lower the discount rate from the current 3.25 percent to help stimulate economic growth also added to the strength

to the rally, Mr. Matsushita of Nikko said. (Bloomberg, Reiders, AFP, AP)

# Japan Rate Cuts Hit Banks from 50. Bank officials said travel and other expenses would be cut, and board members' salaries

TOKYO — In another symptom of what many analysts see as a credit crisis in the making, Japanese banks are restructuring a rising amount of outstanding loans at rock-bottom rates, which is carving into their interest income.

As the threat of default spreads to a growing number of Japanese companies, banks have reduced interest rates on outstanding loans to levels below the discount rate, the rate banks pay for loans from the central bank, analysts say.

Between March and June, the volume of out-standing loans below Japan's 3.25 percent discount rate grew 70 percent to 1,7 trillion yen (\$13.9 billion) from 1 trillion year, said David Snoddy, a bank analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities in Tokyo. That number will continue to rise as the Ministry

of Finance orchestrates bank rescues of financially troubled companies, straining bank profits, Mr. Snoddy said. This definitely puts a drag on interest income for banks," he said.

The rising volume of refinanced loans is the latest

sign of the troubles hamning Japanese banks and the country's financial system as a whole. Weak stock prices, which are still far below their peak despite the recent recovery, have eroded the capital base of banks at a time when international regulators are stepping up pressure on them to increase

Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd., Japan and the world's largest bank in terms of assets, this week announced a restructuring, including cuts in executive pay cuts and entertainment expenses, that it hopes will reduce costs by 5 billion yen.

[Kyowa Saitama Bank Ltd. said Thursday it would reduce capital investment by 45 billion yen

over the next four years and take other steps to reduce costs, Agence France-Presse reported from [Kyowa Saitama did not provide current figures on capital spending but said the four-year plan also called for a reduction of its board to 40 members

would be reduced by 5 percent starting Oct. 1. The move was in line with a request by the government last week for banks to take ran

The cost-cutting moves come at time when banks' problem loans are growing and the difficulty of disposing of them is increasing, analysis said.

Tumbling real-estate values have driven a record number of real-estate companies into bankruptcy, and have habened the companies into bankruptcy.

and bank balance sheets are swelling with property repossessed from bankrupt clients that posted the property as collateral on loans. The repossessed real estate is falling in value, and banks find themselves unable to liquidate property because of the depressed market.

The Finance Ministry said in April that problem loans on the books of Japan's 21 largest banks totaled 7 to 8 trillion year. But Mr. Snoody estimates problem loans held by the 21 banks at as high as 30 trillion yen (\$24.5 billion).

The government and banking industry are preparing to establish a quasi-governmental entity to buy repossessed property from the banks. Analysts say the entity is likely to be modeled loosely on the Resolution Trust Corp. that the U.S. government created to dispose of unwanted assets held by de-

But many problems must be addressed out before the "land trust" envisioned by public and private
officials can began disposing of bank land holdings.
"There is very little land that could be transferred to this entity at anything close to market value without banks taking a hoge capital hit," said Wal-ter Altherr, a financial analyst at W. I. Carr's Tokyo

Real estate analysts say that if the government buys land at inflated prices, it will discourage other land sales, drying up liquidity in a market that is already suffering from extremely low turnover

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### Very briefly:

 Taiwan posted a \$1.5 billion current-account surplus in the second quarter, down 50.2 percent from a year ago, with imports climbing percent while exports rose 7.8 percent, the Central Bank of China sa Sanyo Securities Co. said it planned to reduce its work force by up 1,000 persons, or 20 percent, by the end of March 1994.

 North Korea has drafted a law to allow 100 percent foreign ownership private companies, at first in the Najin-Sunbong free-trade zone, a No Korean negotiator on economic exchanges was quoted as saying. Marubeni Corp said it had agreed to link with Lippo group to sell II computers and related items to Japanese companies in Indonesia.

. Jananese shipbuilders' share of the world market fell in the first half 1992 to 38.4 percent from 48.2 percent a year earlier, the Japan S Exporters' Association said.

 Pancontinental Mining Ltd. said it swung from a loss of 106 million Australian dollars (\$75.9 million) last year to net profit 55.6 million dollars in the year ended June 30; sales rose 19.8 percent.

• South Korean car ownership is expected to double to between 5.31 a 5.77 million vehicles in 1996 from 2.73 million last year, the Daew Research Institute said. • The Philippines' economy will grow at a rate of 1.5 to 2 percent in 19

the Development Bank of the Philippines predicted. • Brierley Investments Ltd. declined to comment on speculation it was a short list of bidders, jointly with Air New Zealand Ltd., for 49 percentages.

of Qantas Airways Ltd.

No 3d Exchange, China Says Agence France-Presse

HONG KONG - China will not open a third stock exchange this year, the Ta Kung Pao newspaper, based in Hong Kong, reported Thursday, Nie Qingping of the Peo-ple's Bank of China was quoted by the daily as saying, "the central gov-ernment has decided this year not to

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# Santos Launches Bid To Acquire Sagasco

SYDNEY — Santos Ltd., Australia's largest onshore oil and gas producer, said Thursday it was launching a bid of 560 million Australian dollars (\$401 million) for Sagasco Holdings Ltd., another Anstralian energy company.

Santos said the offer was conditional on approval by the government of the state of South Australia and would take effect only if Santos succeeded in acquiring the 56.3 percent stake currently held by the South Australian Government Financing Authority. The authority said recently that it intended to sell the stake and has retained advisers for the purpose.

Santos' offer of 2.70 dollars a share was slightly under Sagasco's share price, which closed unchanged on Thursday at 2.75 dollars. Sagasco's acting chairman, Malcolm Kinnaird, rejected the offer in a statement issued after a board meeting, saying it was "totally inadequate and seriously undervalues Sagaso

But brokers said that by pitching its initial offer at a slight discount to Sagasco's share price, Santos may have signaled it is willing to raise its price to secure the target.

Mr. Kinnaird said Sagasco had received legal advice that the

proposed acquisition may be illegal because it might violate Australia's Trade Practices Act. Sagasco also announced a takeover bid of 122 million dollars for Brisbane-based Magellan Petroleum, priced at 2.75 dollars a share.

Analysts called the bid a defensive move. Santos said that if its bid succeeds, it intended to spin off the gas utility operations of Sagasco by floating them locally.

Santos said the acquisition would extend its oil and gas explora-

"The offer for Sagasco represents an important step in the ongo development of Santos as Australia's leading independent oil and

gas company," said Santos' managing director, Ross Adler.

Brokers said Santos' poor exploration record in recent years has caused its stock price to fall recently to its lowest levels in three years.

The stock rose Thursday to 2.57 dollars from 2.48.

Mr. Adler told reporters that Santos proposed to fund the purchase entirely through debt, but expected its debt-to-equity ratio to recover quickly to current levels.

# **BP Close** To Selling Mega-mine Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

SYDNEY - British Petrolemm Co. is close to selling a 49 percent interest in one of the world's biggest uranium, copper and gold projects, a stake esti-mated by analysts to be worth about 600 million Australian dollars (\$430 million).

BP Australia spokesman Neil McMaster said Thursday the company was in talks to dispose of its share of the Olympic Dam mine in South Australia, which it owns in a joint venture with Australia's Western Mining Corp. Western Mining has right of first refusal on any sale and in

for 800 million dollars. The sale would mark the end of BP's interests in mining in Australia, although it would retain a presence in oil and gas production both in Australia and

1989 blocked BP's plans to sell

its stake to Britain's RTZ Corp.

n Papua New Guinea. Peter Lester of stockbrokers ANZ McCaughan Ltd. said BP was likely to sell the stake for between \$400 million and \$450 million. He said potential buyers included RTZ, Cogema of France, South Africa's Angloo-equity ratio to American group and Royal (AFX Reuters) Dutch/Shell. (Reuters, AFP)

# **Hutchison Buys Into Shanghai Port**

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

HONG KONG - Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. said Thursday that it had acquired a 50 percent stake in Shanghai's container port, the busiest in China, for 1.4 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$181 million).

The Hong Kong investment conglomerate, controlled by the businessman Li Ka-shing through his Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd., said it had formed a joint venture with the Shanghai Port Anthotity to run the port.
The venture, called Shanghai Container Terminals

Ltd., will take over the operation of the port's three existing terminals at Zhang Hua Bang, Jun Gong Lu and Bao Shan, and plans to double capacity over the next three years. The venture also has been granted some preferential

development rights for additional container terminals in the city, Hutchison said.

"Feasibility studies are planned on the development of a new generation of terminals providing for deep-water handling facilities capable of servicing the larg-est vessels engaged in international trade," the compa-

ny said.

These will include facilities within the port planned for the Pudong economic development zone in Shanghai. Chinese authorities plan to turn Pudong, which stretches across 350 square kilometers (135 square at Hong Kong's Kwai Chung port. (AFP, Bloomberg)

miles) of land, into a trade, commercial and financial

Mr. Li said the development of Pudong was attract-ing worldwide attention. "Under China's continuing policy of openness and reform, the economy of the entire Yangtze delta area will be strengthen said. "Shanghai will benefit through its growth as an economic, financial and trading center within the Pacific-Rim region."

The Shanghai port is located at the mouth of the Yangtze River, which enables it to act as a hub port for the country's industrial heartland.

Under the arrangement, the joint venture will invest in an expansion and modernization program designed to raise the capacity of the three terminals to 1.6 million 20-foot-equivalent units — a standard measure of shipping containers — per year by 1995, from 850,000 currently.

The Shanghai Port Authority will provide the existing terminals and Hutchison will contribute cash and expertise for the expansion.

The port will be jointly managed by the Chinese authority and Hutchison's 61.5 percent-owned subsid-

set up a third stock exchange."

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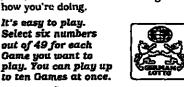
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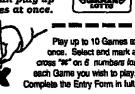
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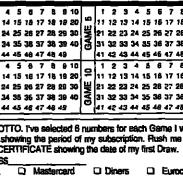


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# SPORTS

# **Orioles Tighten Both Races** By Sweeping the Athletics

Randy Milligan, who doubled in the dence in him when he's on the hill."

Winning run in the 10th inning

The Orioles also seemed to care Wednesday night as the visiting Oxioles completed a three-game of the Oakland Athletics, 2-1.

Baltimore's first sweep of the A's in five years extended its winning streak to five games and put the Orioles only a half-game behind the Toronto Blue

Oakland's loss cut its lead in the West to 41/2 games over the Minnesota

"This is a tremendous boost," said Milligan. We've never really had success playing here before and to sweep

Baltimore pitchers have allowed just two runs during the winning streak.
Alan Mills pitched four innings of hitless relief Wednesday as 75-58 Baltimore moved to a season-high 17 games

The last five games, pitching has

The Baltimore Orioles have tightmed the many in the state of the many in the state of the many in the state of the state gaed the races in both divisions of the the year for Baltimore's first run. "And Mills, he's been doing it all year. He "I think if we win this thing, we'll throws a lot of strikes and goes right always look back on this series," said after hitters. We have a lot of confi-

The Orioles also seemed to catch Oakland at a vulnerable time. The A's

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fell to 0-3 since trading slugger Jose Canseco to Texas on Monday night. "It's a transition period for them right now," said Milligan. "When you make a trade like the A's did and you've got new guys coming in and old guys going out, it affects your chemis-try a little bit."

White Sox 3, Blue Jays 2: In Toronem has to pick up all the guys on the to, Ron Karkovice and Steve Sax homered to help Chicago to victory. The Blue Jays' edge over Baltimore is their smallest since June 24.

Karkovice hit his career-high ninth home run of the year, a two-run shot in the fifth off Jimmy Key, to break a 1-1 tie. Sax had homered in the third in-

Twins 4, Tigers 2: Scott Erickson remained perfect in seven decisions against Detroit, and Shane Mack hit a two-run homer as visiting Minnesota won its their fourth straight.

Rick Aguilera, Minnesota's fourth pitcher, got three outs for his 36th save. He has saved all four games in the winning streak.

Brewers 7, Yankees 0: Robin Yount homered, tripled and drove in four runs, moving within eight hits of 3,000 as Milwaukee, playing at home, beat New York

Yount, batting cleanup for the first time this season, hit his first homer since June 14 and only his sixth of the season, a two-run shot, that gave Mil-waukee a 4-0 lead in the sixth.

Rangers 6, Royals 2: Kevin Brown,

pitching amid a middle-imnings swarm of insects in Kansas City, Missouri, won his 18th game with a six-hitter. Brown struck out five and walked none in pitching his 10th complete game of the season. His 18 victories tied Chicago's Jack McDowell and To-ronto's Jack Morris for the league lead. Monty Fariss had three hits for the Rangers, who scored in five of the first



Mike Devereaux, left, homered in the sixth as the Orioles closed to a half-game of the Blue Jays in the East.

Red Sox 5, Mariners 3: Wade Boggs snapped out of a slump with two hits, including a two-run double in the seventh, as Roger Clemens won for the eighth straight time in Seattle. Clemens has a 1.80 ERA camed-run average

ms 2: Rookie Tim

game of the season with a two-out homer in the 15th off a weakening Derek Lilliquist, lifting the Angels to a victory over visiting Cleveland.

Lilliquist entered the game with one out in the 11th and allowed five hits. including the first Anaheim Stadium home run by Salmon — who had been Cleveland's center fielder, Kenny Lofton. Salmon hit a 2-1 pitch to left field for his second homer of the year. His first came on Aug. 23 that gave California a 10-inning victory over the Yankees in

Scott Lewis got the victory with five

# Owners Meet On Vincent

CHICAGO - The owners of the major league teams began meeting Thursday after-noon at a hotel near O'Hare International Airport to discuss Fay Vincent, but it still wis unclear if they will pressure him to quit as commissioner or attempt to fire him.

It appeared that representatives of all 28 teams would attend the special meeting, called, last week over Vincent's objection by the league. presidents, Bobby Brown of the American and Bill White of the National. Vincent, whose term runs through March 31, 1994, was not attending because he says the Major League Agreement prohibits discussion of the terms and duties of the incumbent.

"I really don't expect that he will be fired on Thursday," Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of the Chicago White Sox, said earlier. "I just don't know that's going to happen. We have a lot of things to talk shour." to talk about."

It appeared that 13 or 14 teams were against Vincent and that 10 to 12 were supporting him.
Because the Major League Agreement
doesn't have a mechanism for firing a commissioner, it also was unclear what options were available to disenchanted owners. An attempted firing would lead to a court fight that could tie up baseball's administration for a long time. The anti-Vincent group, by many accounts, is led by Reinsdorf, Bud Selig of the Milwaukee Brewers, Stanton Cook of the Chicago Cubsor and Peter O'Malley of the Los Angeles Dodg-

# Pirates' Wakefield Baffles the Giants, 3-2

know where they would be without Tim Wakefield. Tim Wakefield doesn't know

where he would be without the knucklehall. Without Wakefield, the Pirates almost certainly would be out of first place in the Eastern Division.

Without the knuckler, Wakefield almost certainly would be out of He pitched the first-place Pirates to a 3-2 victory Wednesday night over the visiting San Francisco Gi-

ants as Barry Bonds hit a two-run home run and Don Slaught added a bases-empty homer. Their fourth victory in a row kept the Pirates three game ahead of the challenging Montreal Expos. The Giants are the only team to

beat Wakefield, now 5-1, since he

for 20-some years, and I don't know if I ever adjusted to him,"

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just to the speed of the knuckleball, but you can't adjust to how it breaks. I know I don't know where

earned-rum average, at least eight innings pitched in all but one of his seven starts — certainly don't indicate that opponents have figured

"I don't think they're adjusting," he said. "I mean, it's no secret what I've got."

For one thing, he's got a job in Smoltz and Todd Hundley and moved into the Pirates' rotation in the big leagues - something he Mackey Sasser hit run-scoring sin-

"Charlie Hough's been pitching Slaught said. "Maybe you can ad-

tended its winning streak to four.

It was the Reds' its seventh

it's going."
Wakefield's numbers — a 2.03 baseman Willie Greene.

The Associated Press late July, and so far the rookie has couldn't have foreseen when he hit gles before Daryl Boston walked.

The Pittsburgh Pirates don't been tougher on teams the second now where they would be without time around.

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189 as a first baseman in rookie loading the bases for Pecota.

Expos 7, Reds 3: In Cincinnati, reliever Norm Charlton's throwing error set up a three-run rally in the eighth as Montreal completed its first three-game sweep at River-front Stadium since 1982 and ex-

straight loss. Charlton threw Marquis Gris-som's bunt into right field, allowing one run to score, then another scored on an error by rookie third

Mets 6, Braves 5: Bill Pecota walked with the bases loaded and two outs in the sixth in New York, capping a four-run rally that beat

Kevin Bass homered off John

pitched a three-hitter in Chicago and Luis Salazar and Derrick May each drove in two runs against Los

Padres 5, Cardinals 4: Fred McGriff and Tim Teufel homered in St. Louis as San Diego ended a four-game losing streak.

Astros 3, Phillies 2: Pete Incaviglia, picked off base earlier, doubled home the go-ahead run in the cighth as Houston nipped visiting

Terry Mulholland, who gave up eight hits in his league-leading 10th complete game, trapped Incaviglia in the sixth for his 14th pickoff of the season, a major-league record; pickoffs have been kept as an offi-

# Little League Winner Accused of Faking Ages

MANILA - The Little League world champions were congratulated Thursday with a ticker tape parade, but the celebration was clouded by allegations that officials had

lied about the ages of some players.

The Zamboanga City team flew back to Manila on Wednesday after thrashing a Long Beach, California, club, 15-4, to win the World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. President Fidel Ramos welcomed the champions to the presidential palace and donated 1 million pesos (\$41,600) to the team

for scholarships or other programs. "We beat the best of Asia, we beat the best of Latin America, we beat the best of the United States at their own game," Cecile Hechanova, chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission, told the players. "You have made history.

But the Philippine Daily Inquirer alleged Wednesday that several Filipino players, in-

cluding star pitcher lan Tolentino, were over the age limit of 12. It quoted sources as saying birth certificates and other records had been faked to enable the players to compete.

Officials of the Philippine Little League called a press conference for Thursday to

present the players. After the article was published, the officials arged reporters not to ask questions about players' ages.

When reporters ignored the instructions, sports officials anguly denounced the ques-

tions as insulting.

Tolentino said he would turn 13 later this

month. Regulations allow players to compete if they are 12 or younger by the date of

The star pitcher, whose wispy moustache was clearly visible, said he played in 1990 on the Philippine Bronco League team, which has an age limit of 13. The team won the Bronco world series in Tokyo but offered to return the trophy after allegations that some

of the players had been overage. Bronco officials would not take the trophy back out warned the Filipinos to obey the rules. The Philippines has frequently been accused of faking ages in regional sports events.

One Filipino coach, who spoke on condition

of anonymity, said that in 1984, trainers re-moved body hair from players to make it appear that they were below the age of puber-The coach, who was not involved in this

year's Little League competition, said that Filipino officials rationalized that cheating was widespread throughout the Far East and that "everybody else is doing it."

Tolentino and several other players attend Catholic school in Laguna Province. When the school was contacted about the ages of the students, a clerk said records were un-available but asked the reporter to call back. The person who answered the second call refused to discuss ages and hung up.

## **BOOKS**

# Or Mapping the Waters

By Marina Warner. 380 pages. \$22. Simon & Schuster, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York - 40020.

Reviewed by Gustavo Perez Firmat

M OVING defuly from the Age of Discovery to the Age of Aquarius, Marina Warner's new novel gives us. The Tempest" in a feminine, if not a feminist. key. Most contemporary versions of Shakespeare's last play have provided the occasion for Third World macho breast-thumping: I am Caliban, hear me roar. Although Warner is certainly aware of these post-colonial revisions, her interests lie elsewhere. Her protagonists are not Prospero and Caliban, but Sycorax and Miranda, More attimed to voices than to bravado, and more attentive to personal thrama than to public spectacle, Warner has written a sweeping historical narrative that is memorable, most of all, for its

depiction of how historical whirlwinds buffet women's lives.

It's 1600 and we're on the imaginary Caribbean island of Liamniga. A storm has washed up the corpses of several manacied slaves, including a pregnant woman. Sycorax, an islander renowned for her magical skills, saves the baby from a watery grave and names him Dule, the local

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FOR THOSE OF YOU NED DON'T KNOW ME, I'M JEFF'S DADDY, JAD MISS NORTON HIS ASKED ME TOTALL ALL OF YOU MEAT

word for sorrow. Sometime later she takes in another orphan, this one a little girl from the mainland called Ariel. But it's not long before the paradisiacal life of Sycorax's blended family is shattered by the arrival of the "shell-fish people" (they m pink in the sun). Led by Kit Everard, the British soon have the run of the isle. Everard captures Dulé (whom he renames Caliban), seduces Ariel, and keeps Sycorax locked up.

Fast forward three centuries and the scene is London, 1948. In a smartly appointed flat, Anthony (Ant) Everard, Kit's diminished descendant, celebrates his daughter's christening with a coterie of stuffy aristocratic friends ("The Tempest" in a lea cup). Born on Liamuiga (now called Enfant-Beate) in 1897. Ant emigrates to England after the death of his first wife, a beauty rumored to have had "a touch of the tarbrush." Once in England, he marries a wealthy younger woman and basks in the fading glory of his fame as a star of flinders, a fictional West Indian sport. Among the guests that evening is Ant's wastrel son by his first marriage, Kit Everard, and his daughter Miranda, who is several years

Fast forward again and it's 1969, the 350th anniversary of the British landing on Enfant-Béate. The Everards are up to their old tricks, except that the object of their new colonial venture is hotels rather than plantations. Ant's daughter, Xanthe, has married Simon Nebris, a wily businessman who uses Kit Everard as his front

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man on the island. The family's fortunes prosper until a machine gun-wielding Cal-iban leads a successful nationalist rebellion, Meanwhile, back in London, Miranda meets up with her own Caliban in after his opponents had bid to four the person of a part-time actor and former

Riack Panther turned resi If "Indigo" has a flaw, it's that the intricate parallel plotting sometimes gets in the way of the family saga. This is one of those novels to which the author has given perhaps too much thought. Taking the cue from the title, each section is carefully epigraphed and color-coded — LilacPink, IndigoBlue, OrangeRed, GoldWhite, GreenKhaki, MaroonBlack -with various hues identifying the different characters (Sycorax is the indigo

girl; Xanthe's nickname is Goldie). What makes the book is the marvelous gallery of female characters - Sycorax, Kanthe, Miranda and Seratine, a fablespinning black nanny whom Ant brings back from the islands.

Even when Warner's characters are prefab, they possess an inner life that saves them from lapsing into symbols or stereotypes. In this year of predictable quincentenary fictions, "Indigo" stands out for showing that the truly important encounters in a novel occur not between worlds but between individuals. In "Indigo" it's not the personal that is political, but the other way around.

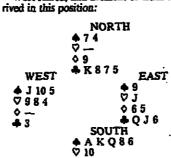
Gustavo Perez Firmat, the author of "Life on the Hyphen: The Making of Cu-ban America," to be published next year, wrote this for The Washington Post.

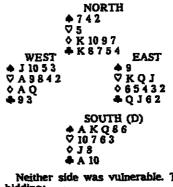
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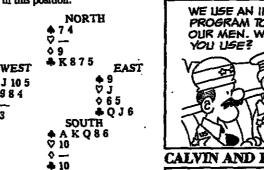
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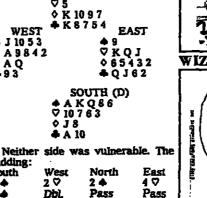


West led the heart ace.

By Alan Truscott



West could have led a club to defeat the contract, but he led a heart. South gratefully ruffed in dummy, drew trumps, made the game and won the world title by a narrow margin.



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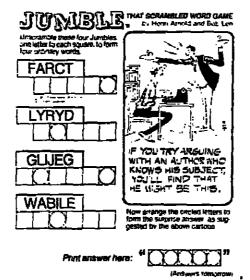




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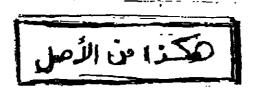
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# Old Man Open Keeps on Rolling

### Connors Has His Cake and Oncins, Too, on 40th

By Robin Finn New York Times Service NEW YORK — It was a tough act to follow, but since it was his own act, he could hardly turn down the opportunity for a

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With effortless charisma and infinite determination, Old Man Open, aka Jimmy Connors, dominated a scene that was part prize fight, part Broadway opening and part sorcery on Wednesday night as he went to battle against Jaime Oncins of Brazil in their first-round match of the U.S.

Connors celebrated his 40th birthday smack dab in the middle of the same Stadium Court that served as launching pad for an odyssey that not only took him to the semifinals of the 1991 Open but also performed a jawsof-life mancaver on his career. And he wasn't content to celebrate without a victory party. He came back, he saw a fresh-faced opponent just ripe for intimidating, and he conquered him, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.

It set up a second-round match on Friday night against Ivan Lendl, no stranger to Con-

This was Connors' 98th U.S. Open victory, extending the record he set last year after drum-

ming Paul Haarhuis from the

quarterfinals. After the disappointment of first-round losses at the French Open, where Michael Stich downed him in five sets, and Wimbledon, where Luis Herrera stunned him in four, Wednesday night's outing marked Connors's first victory at

Jimmty Connors answered the applause before getting to the birthday cake brought onto court.

a 1992 Slam. Connors said he couldn't work up a sufficient head of steam, mental or physical, in Paris and London, but he primed himself for a repeat engagement in New York, the only tennis venue with an environment that matches his

antic temperament.

Last year, with a mischievous sense of glee that sprang partly from his great surprise at recreating himself on one at the tonmament he'd won five times, Conners went on a rampage that inspired mass hysteria. Like a vampire, he revived himself after midnight in his first-round match against Patrick McEnroe, and did the improbable by re-

versing a two-set deficit. From that point on, his rollicking campaign here snowballed, and its significance crossed out of the boundaries of sport and into the province of social docudrama: Could Jimbo make a statement for the world's armchair athlete-wannabes and thirtysomething activists? He thought he could, and did.

Could he turn the typically staid position of tennis spectator into its own genre of participa-tion sport? He wanted to, and

On Wednesday night, scre-naded by a packed house of 21,000 who giddily shed their metropolitan sophistication to warble the strains of "Happy Birthday" and bestow the undulations of the wave, he made the magic happen all over again.

And when it was over, Con-

nors literally had his cake and ate it, too: The U.S. Tennis Association sent its chefs onto the court along with the tournament direc-tor, Steve DeVoe, to present him with a gigantic birthday cake.

Oncins said he voluntarily jumped on the Connors bandwagon here last year: "I got as crazy for him as everybody else," he said. This year Connors kidnapped him and forced him to ride it again.

Connors was on the attack from the moment he stepped to the service line and issue his first buillish grant. And Oncins, who smiled in the nunway that led to the court but lost his cheerfulness soon after, committed 44 unforced errors. But considering the specter he faced, a geriatric wunderkid and his 21,000 screaming acolytes, those errors

# Graf Beats Shriver, and Rain, in 2d Round

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Steffi Graf. seeking her second straight Grand Slam tournament title, staved off a strong challenge Thursday from Pam Shriver to move into the third round of the U.S. Open.

Shriver, whose greatest singles success came on these hard courts at the National Tennis Center some 14 years ago when she reached the linal, marched Graf shot for shot for most of the match before falling to the No. 2 seed, 7-5, 6-3.

"It meant a lot to her," Graf said of her opponent, who has been hampered the last couple of years by injuries. "She was playing some

Graf played better. But what many thought would be a blowout turned into a tense struggle in the

After the start of the match was delayed by a series of heavy showers that swept through the New York area, Graf pulled off the only service break of the opening set in the 12th game. She broke Shriver twice in the second set, once before and once after their match was interrupted by another shower.

Graf hit 28 winners; Shriver 11. Graf also led Shriver in unforced errors, 25-20. "I had a chance to win today."

Shriver said. "As it turns out . . . a point here, a point there. "It was a very competitive match. I am disappointed that I didn't play a little bit better on a

couple of those points. But that's the way it is when you are 32 in the world versus 2 in the world." In another second-round match da, 7-5, 6-0, in the second round, completed before rain delayed play a second time, 15th-seeded Kater

ina Maleeva of Bulgaria defeated Dominique Monami of Belgium, 6-The men's top seed, Jim Courier,

was leading Andrei Chesnokov, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 1-0, in their secondround match. A heavy morning rain had threatened to wash out the fourth

day's program, but the downpour stopped and the courts were dried off in time to start play on sched-Then, an hour and a half into the opening stadium court match between Comier and Chesnokov, um-

around the stands and the Russian began complaining that the court had become too slippery to contin-At the conclusion of the fourth game of the third set, the chair umpire, who had forced Chesnokov to continue playing after the previ-

ons point, reluctantly called the

brellas started popping open

first suspension. ■ Earlier, Robin Finn of The New York Times reported: With Jimmy Connors, the 40year-old enfant terrible, saved for prime time under the spotlights Wednesday night, the day session

became something of an afterthought for everyone but Ivan

As the daylight became twilight, there was Lendl, still locked in a fifth-set struggle with 59th-ranked Jaime Yzaga of Peru: the 32-yearold Lendl even had the audacity to pre-empt Connors' 6 P.M. practice session on the Grand-Stand court before finally subduing his challenger, 6-7 (7-3), 6-1, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.
Yzaga, assisted by Lendl's read-

able playmaking from the backcourt, saved two match points against his serve in the eighth game of the fifth set before bowing to Lendl's pressure in the ninth game, where the ninth seed assembled a

And Lendl needed that cushion of match points: two forehand errors narrowed the gap to 40-30 before he hit a second service ace into the wall, a place he nearly visited himself during the waning stages of the 4-hour-23-minute ordeal. Connors' victory drew all the at-

tention away from a more dramatic match in the grandstand, Emilio Sánchez upsetting No. 6 Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia, 6-2, 4-6, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4). Fourth-seeded Michael Chang

beat Ellis Ferreira of South Africa, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1), on the shady Grand-Stand court.

Monica Seles, who has already defended her Australian and French Open titles this year, left herself just five steps away from retaining this one after she ousted Lisa Raymond, the NCAA champion from the University of Flori-

# U.S. Open Results

Michael Chang (4), U.S., def. Ellis Ferreira, jouth Africa 6-3,6-4,7-6 (7-1); a strick McEn-te, U.S., def. Richard Matuszewski, U.S., 1-6, 7-6 (7-1), 6-2 6-4; Gabriel Markus, Argentina

7-6 (7-1), 6-2.6-4; Gabriel Markus, Argentina. def. D.J. Basse, U.S., 6-7, (5-7), 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; Richard Kralicok, (15), Netherlands, def. Francisco Clavet, Spain, 7-6 (7-2), 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-4; MailVol Washinston (14), U.S., det. Francisco Mantona. U.S., 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3; Marc Gaeliner, Germany, def. Anders Jarryd, Sweden, 3-4, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1; van Lendi (9), U.S., det. Joinne Yzaga, Peru, 6-7 (2-7), 6-1, 7-6, 4-6-4; Sergil Struguera, Spain, def. Radalphe Gilbert, Franca, 4-6-5, 4-6, 4-5; Jimmy Connars, U.S., def. Jaime Oncins, Brazil, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3; Ernillo Sanchez, Spain, def. Petr Korda (6), Cascicaslovatio, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 (7-4).

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Belgium, 6-3, 6-4.

Natalia Zvereva, Belarus, def. Fany LL, Chino. 4-1. e-2: Mary Plerce (16), France, det. Linda Ferrando, Haly, 7-5, 6-4; Lari McNeil, ne Hock Ger come-vicenter, U.S., 7-8, 6-4; Monico Seles (1), Yugostovia, def. Lisa Raymond, U.S., 7-8, 6-0; Brenda Schulth, Netherlande, def. Poscole Paradis-Mongon, France, 6-2, 6-0; Patricia Hy, Canado, def. Judith Wiesner, Austria, 6-2, 6-2; Stephanie Rehe, U.S. def. Rabin White +2; Stephonie Reh. U.S. def. Robin White, U.S.,6-4,6-4; Sobine Appeirans, Belgium, def. Clare Wood, Britain,6-3,6-2; Jenniter Cosriati



Jun Courier was leading Andrei Chesnokov, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 1-0, when rain began falling a second time.

# A New, Improved(?) Boris Becker

By Harvey Araton

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Seven years later, Kevin Curren looks across the net at his former teenage nemesis, Boris Becker, and mostly sees signs of

adulthood in the making.

Some would look at Boris Becker, No. 8 in the world and wonder what went wrong. Against Curren that Sunday afternoon in 1985.

in the Wimbledon final, Becker seemed an unvielding 17-year-old serve-and-volley machine headed for years of Grand Slam domination. He became the youngest Wimbledon champion in history that afternoon. Curren, now 34, never

again got close enough to smell a Grand Slam title. When they met again in the first round of the U.S. Open, the result was the same, Becker winning in four sets, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4. But this was not the Becker who Curren remem-

bered from Wimbledon. This was a Becker who. across those seven years, has repeatedly demonstrated that he will not only lose but live happily with the thought.

"He's a bright guy, he knows this can't be every thing, every year of your life, 10 months a year said Curren. "He could still be No. 1 again if he wanted to. The question is, is it worth it to him?"

It apparently is not. "Once you've been No. 1 or No. 2, it really doesn't matter where you are ranked," said Becker. Winner of three Wimbledons and one U.S.

Open, Becker became No. 1 when he won the 1991

Australian Open. He has said that once he achieved this lifetime goal, he was more interested in its existential meaning than in defending it month after grueling month.

He has not won a Grand Slam event since. He

By today's standards, after nine years as a professional he has moved into tennis middle age. By Curren's standards, it is a testament to Becker's maturity that he questions the life of a metronome. smacking forehands and backhands, when the world is out there to be enjoyed and he has the

that is sad," Curren said. "I'll tell you what makes me sad — when I look at a guy like Bjorn Borg, who played every year like his life depended on it, and then, in his mid-20s, was all burned out. It was sad to see what became of him, with no niche, and

balked at advice ranging from quieting his nightlife to pushing him toward the net after his serve.

"His stubboruness made him great," said Tiriac. "His stubbornness may destroy him."

### SCOREBOARD

### BASEBALL

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PSV Eindhoven vs. Zhaligiris Vilnius
Glasgow Rangers vs. Lyngby BK Copenhoper
Glentrono Bettast vs. Ohrunolace Marsellie
IFK Goteboro vs. Besilicas Istanbul
Kuusval Lohif vs. Dynamon Bechartest
Lech Poanon vs. Skorito Rigo
AC Milion vs. Olimpilla Liubilona
FC Sian vs. Toyrio Simferspol
Slovan Bralfslovo vs. Ferencyaros Budopesi
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Liverpool vs. Apollon Limensol

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ST.LOUIS—Activated Frank DiPine, pitcher, from 13-day disabled list.

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BASKETBALL

FOOTBALL

**SUFFALO-Agreed to terms with Kelth** 

McKeller, fisht end, and Kirby Jackson, cor-nerback, on 2-year contracts. CHICAGO—Signed William Perry, defen-sive tackle, to 2-year contract. Put Shaun Gayle, safety; Jim Thornton, fisht end; and Anthony Moreon, wide receiver, on injured reserve. Recalled Glen Kazlowski, wide re-ceiver, and Mourice Douglass, defensive cerver, and motives boulsass, centrisive back, from waivers. Cloimed Jay Leeuwenburg, cartier, off waivers from Kongos City. CINCINNAT:—Stoned Joe Walter, offensive lineman. Recarlied Eiston Ridgie, delensive lineman, from waivers. Coltmed Tom Rayant, offensive lineman, off waivers from Washington, and Mike Friter, defensive lineman, off waivers from Securite. Put Recember. men, off walvers from Seattle. Put Roos Nix, defensive lineman; Jeff Thomason, end; Alike Dingle, running back; and Alik Barber, wide receiver, on injured reserve DALLAS—Recalled Dale Helicstrae, cer

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pitcher, from 15-day disabled list.
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has fired coaches. He has played indifferently. He has seemed more involved with everything from women to art to politics. He has talked of quitting.

means to enjoy it with a privileged few.

"People might see that he doesn't have the same hunger he had the first couple of years and think only now maybe he's able to put tennis into a

proper perspective." Becker said he has trained harder for this tournament than he has in years. Ion Tiriac, who has managed Becker almost from the start, said it would help if Becker could find a coach be could live with Stretching the limits of independence, Becker has

### **SIDELINES**

### NHL, ESPN Sign Television Deals

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - The National Hockey League has its much-anticipated U.S. television deal with ESPN, an agreement said to be worth \$80 million.

The NHL's acting president, Gil Stein, announced Wednesday night that the league had signed two contracts covering five years with ESPN, the all-sports cable network. Financial terms were not released, though a source close to the negotiations said it will bring in \$80 million over the life of the contract.

The agreements grant ESPN exclusive U.S. coverage of the NHL starting with the 1992-93 season, and the cable network has an option to extend the term of that domestic agreement for four more years. ESPN was also granted exclusive international television distribution, exclusive Canada, for the next five years. John Vanbiesbrouck became the NHL's newest millionaire when the

goaltender signed a three-year contract with the New York Rangers

### worth an estimated \$3 million. Patrese Jumps to Benetton Team

LONDON (AP) - Formula One driver Riccardo Patrese of Italy has signed a two-year contract to drive for the Benetton-Ford team next season, the team's managing director, Flavio Briatore, said Thursday. Patrese is now second in the world championship standings behind

Williams-Renault teammate and new world champion Nigel Mansell.

Briatore said Michael Schumacher, 23, the German who won his first race at Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix, had reconfirmed his position with the team for next season. Schumacher has a contract until 1995.

### For the Record

Colin Montgomerie of Scotland carded two eagles and five birdies Thursday for a one-stoke lead over José Rivero of Spain in the opening round of the European Masters at Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland. (Reuters) Arazi, the "super horse" who became the Kentucky Derby's most famous flop, will attempt a comeback Sunday at the Prix du Moulin race at Longchamp, outside Paris, the colt's trainer François Boutin, said

Thursday. (AP)
Cuba beat the United States, 6-1, to finish undefeated and win the World Junior Baseball Championships in Monterrey, Mexico. (AP)
Robert Smith, who sat out last season in a dispute with the Ohio State coaches after breaking the team rushing record as a freshman, will start Saturday when the Buckeyes open their season against Louisville. (AP) Bruno Risi of Switzerland won the professional men's 50-kilometer

points race at the World Cycling Championships in Valencia, Spain. (AP)



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### **OBSERVER**

# Harry Truman Time

By Russell Baker

YORK — George Bush is running as Harry Truman. Harry Truman did the same thing in 1948. Ran as Harry Truman. Afterward he said, "It was a lot casier than I thought it would be."

That was the year everybody said Harry Truman couldn't win. Since nobody wants to run as a sure loser, Harry Truman naturally toyed with the idea of running as somebody else, but Mrs. Truman said, "Over my dead body," That's why Harry Truman called Mrs. Truman

Afterward Mrs. Truman said she had no use for men who lost their grip on their own identities every time a political campaign came along "If Harry's got to lose," she told the First Ladies' Home Companion, "he ought to have the gumption to lose as Harry Truman, not as Woodrow Wilson."

Here Mrs. Truman gave away the secret. It was Wilson whom Harry Truman had toyed with the idea of running as. It would have been more fun to run as the Republican Theodore Roosevelt, but as a loyal Democrat Truman refused even to toy with the idea of crossing party lines.

Mrs. Truman feared that if he ran as Woodrow Wilson and won he might spend his second term slipping in and out of other men's identities. "It's trouble enough being first lady," she said, "without sending Clark Gable down to the Oval Office in the morning and getting William Howard Taft back for supper at night."

Whether Mrs. Bush now confronts such a grotesque situation is unknown, and likely to remain so until the campaign ends. If George Bush is not only running as Harry fruman, but also eating as Pat Buchanan, napping as Ronald Reagan and pitching horseshoes as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Republicans won't want it announced until they get some polls showing this is exactly what Americans want of a

White House people see nothing odd about George Bush running as Harry Truman, or "being in Harry Truman mode," as they put it, being under orders to classify all life into modes. Theirs is a world in which Harry Truman mode is followed by re-election mode, which is followed by second-term mode,

which is followed by vision-thing mode, In vision-thing mode they all spend another four years trying to decide why they wanted to be elected in the first place, aside from the honor of the thing.

People ask, Why does Bush run as Harry Truman? Why not run as Attila the Hun? Because he ran as Attila the Hun last time with mixed results. It won him the presidency but outraged the Hun family, which has filed a horde-action suit alleging that his conduct running as Attila did irreparable damage to the Hun name.

Harry Truman was the logical "run-as" choice. George Bush planned to travel the United States denouncing Congress, while Harry Truman in 1948 traveled the United States denouncing Congress.

For the strategy to succeed, the Bush juggernaut — or "jugger-nette," as Patrick Buchanan called it when he ran as Newt Gingrich must make Bill Clinton run as Thomas E. Dewey.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York was the man Harry Truman beat by running against Congress. Thomas E. Dewey was not a warm man. As a famous prosecu-tor, he was closely identified with the electric chair. He looked too neat to touch and had a neat little

To make things worse, he ran as Aristides the Just, ancient Greece's upright man who was exiled by the Athenians because they got fed up with hearing him called "the Just."

Afterward people said Walter Mondale running as Millard Fill-more or Herbert Hoover running as Michael Dukakis could have beaten Thomas E. Dewey. Harry Truman, though, was the one who did it while running as Harry Truman.

How will George Bush running as Harry Truman lure Bill Clinton into running as Thomas E. Dewey? First step: a major campaign speech charging that Bill Clinton doesn't have the know-how to grow a neat little mustache.

Since the Clinton campaign answers every Bush charge within the hour, Bill Clinton is expected to appear at the very next photo op wearing a neat little mustache. Or as the Bush people say, "in littlewedding-cake mode." Then, on to victory mode!

New York Times Service

# A Musician Taps Into the Soul of Africa

By Mike Zwerin al Heraid Tribune PARIS — Talk about being interna-tional, George McIntosh is hard to

top.
With a German father and a Liberian mother, he grew up in Germany, Liberia and the United States. He founded his first band in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Based in Paris, he spends three or four months a year in Niamey, Niger. His wife is Ethiopian. He speaks English, German, French and Spanish "plus the African languages." Members of his hand are from Austria. Brazil, Cameroon and Mali. "McIntosh" represents a Scottish fantasy of a Liberian ancestor on his mother's side who converted to Christianity. The conversion of fan-

tasy to reality plays a large role here. Makinto, his band (also his nickname) plays a style of music he calls, for lack of something better - "It's not jazz, funk, pop or rock, please help me find a name"
—"African Soul." They perform his songs
on a mixture of African and European instruments based on multicultural rhythms combined, without pandering, into delightful forms and textures.

The music reaches out in direct, gentle. innocent ways. He plays piano, flute (classically trained on both), saxophone, percussion, and he composes his own songs. He can sight-read fly-specks. His career is beginning to break (he's 29), he knows how to keep a band working, he projects clean well-being on-stage. A bright future for George McIntosh is a safe bet.

His song "African Gospel," a lilt rather than a rap, attempts to raise awareness rather than rouse the one-dimensional anger one might expect from the text:
"Brothers and sisters look around, open your eyes see what it's all about, violence and war everywhere, children starving, do you care, war in southern Africa, war in Sudan, war in Liberia, is this the reality that we never ever learn from history?" It ends: "Share the shythms, share the joy, people, feel the spirit of Africa."

The spirit of Africa is the source of his inspiration — not necessarily the source of a smart career move. A specific opportunity presented itself in Niger, "not," he points out, "one of the richest countries on earth." In a sense it was an extension of a project be initiated when he lived in Abidjan in 1986: "My house was like a little culture center. We had rehearsals, workshops, jam sessions. We were combining balaphons with koras, godjes, talking drums and electric guitars."

In neighboring Niger, a "certain social system" was overthrown. For an example of the state of mind this system represented, the rulers had banned the balaphon. "We don't need music," they said. "We



George McIntosh: "Even poor people need culture. . . . Music helps preserve a sense of national identity."

need bread," McIntosh could fantasize even a poor society needing both.

The Centre de Formation et de Promotion Musicale in Niamey was formed almost three years ago by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture. McIntosh is directing it together with a Corsican music publisher named Dominique Pagani who has spent more than half his life in Africa. "Hote a true African". That had been in ("He's a true African"). They had been in

Abidian topether. The center is involved

with research, recordings, films, workshops,

performance ensembles, private lessons, ar-

chives and so on. The return of the balaphon symbolized a new state of mind. "The new government has understood that culture gives people pride," says McIntosh, who speaks with a slight trace of a German accent. "Even poor people need culture. It binds them together. They even work better. Perhaps more than anything, music helps preserve a sense of national identity. Of course you can say, 'We don't have rice. Who needs music?' But they are beginning to understand. Our

Close to 60 teachers and students, traditional and European-influenced, teach each other and play together. The center's statement of purpose proposes: "research in

project is growing and we are going to

ight to keep it there and it has already

become part of the national life."

ethnomusicology, specifically to conserve and promote the traditional musics of the Republic of Niger and its neighbors, and in the wider sense the musics of the African continent." The aim is more ambitious than to create a national style. By bringing together musicians from all over West Africa. the center can begin to pick up the pieces of what colonialism destroyed.

"We are one of the few development projects still working in Niamey," McIn-tosh says. "They cut the rice project and the water development project, but we still have our project. We use whatever human resources we can find. I went to the military band and asked the trumpet players to teach. I brought down bassist Ricardo del Fra from Paris. We have a European guitar teacher coming. Scholars researching tradi-tional music on grants are helping out." They built a little theater. The technical

level is getting higher. Starting with "nothing," they now have a "nice little budget" for instruments. There are four electric pianos, four sets of drums, two clarinets. European embassies "give here and there"; local sponsors have been found. McIntosh asked a technical consultant at the German Embassy who was not using his personal piano to send it over. There are rehearsal rooms, a vocal workshop. Branches are being formed in provincial towns. He gets letters in Paris: "Sometimes

want to cry. They ask me to 'please come back. Give us more wisdom. Tell us how to make music. But musicians have been leaving Niger to go and live in Paris for so long it is hard to know where to start. There are so few left. So we start with the young. Some older traditional transicians don't speak French, communication can cause blems. They don't know what a 'measure' is. They can play it but they can't count it. Europeans count from one to four. What does that mean? They might play a certain phrase 150 times, we play only eight of them. They ask why. On what beat do they start? How do they know when to

"I am a walking melting pot, a place where America, Europe, India and Africa come together. Personally, more than anything, I consider myself African. The music comes from Africa. It's very important for me to bring my knowledge back there.

"I have a place in Niamey. I can stay there whenever I go. I just contact friends and say 'Hey, I'm coming.' I have no idea how much reat I'm paying. Or if I'm paying any at all. I arrive with bags full of presents, I never add up their value. People need this and that, they're happy to get something, it's nice to give and to get. So exempted with the price and set all the time." everybody just gives and gets all the time."

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A police bodyguard on duty when the Duckess of York was photographed in revealing poolside poses last month with her American financial adviser, John Bryan, has been "moved to other duties" in the Royalty Protection Unit, Scotland Yard said Thursday. Sergeant Graham Ellery was the senior officer guarding the duchess's daughters, Bestrice and Eugenie, in Saint-Tropez when a photographer snapped intimate photographs that were later splashed across the pages of newspapers. . . Bucking Palace has denied a report in the London Evening Standard that Princess Diana met in a secluded farmhouse with James Gabey, the man who was allegedly taped in a provocative telephone conversation with the princess. On Thursday, the tape recording was banned from Britain's public telephone network. More than 100,000 people have called the pay-per-call hotline set up by the Sun newspaper.

Mile Farrow has put plans for another adoption on hold while she battles Woody Allen for custody of their three children, according to Farrow's adoption agent. The ac-tress had been seeking an infant with "special needs," Gretchen Bu-chemiolz, executive director of the Association to Benefit Children, said in a taping for the Maury Po-vich show. Farrow has 11 children, adopted and biological.

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